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# OBITUARIES

**NOBLE COUNTY, INDIANA**

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**THE NEWS SUN**  
**Kendallville, IN**  
**October 1, 2010, Friday**

**Marvin Garringer**

**KENDALLVILLE** — Marvin Dale Garringer, age 82, of Fort Wayne died on Wednesday, September 29, 2010, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Garringer was born in Fort Recovery, Ohio, on July 1, 1928, to the late David Carl and Irma (Arnold) Garringer.

Marvin lived in Kendallville since 1954, coming from Fort Recovery, Ohio, and moved to the Spencerville/Fort Wayne area in 2000.

He married Sharon Faye Carmicheal on August 29, 1998.

Marvin was a maintenance worker and employed with Kraft Foods in Kendallville for 28 years before retiring in 1990.

He worked 16 years without missing a day! He was a very dedicated worker.

Marvin loved to go fishing and he was often heard telling about his old fishing stories. In his younger days, he enjoyed hunting.

Marve was a loyal Chicago Cubs baseball and IU basketball fan.

He loved spending time with his grandchildren and attending their events.

Marvin was always helping others, inviting company over to visit or to share a meal together.

Most days, you could find him tinkering around the barn or garage.

He loved his peanuts and popcorn snacks and he always had that cute, little ornery smile on his face.



**Mr. Garringer**

Survivors include his wife, Sharon Garringer of Fort Wayne; a son, Rex and Lou Garringer of Ardmore, Oklahoma; His grandchildren, Tricia, Sarah, Anthony; a stepgrandson, Ricky; great-grandchildren, Cayleb and Kaden; four stepsons, Bill and Kandi Biggins of Spencerville, Rick Biggins of Fort Wayne, Danny Smith of Coldwater, Michigan, and Paul Smith of Ohio; his stepgrandchildren, Calvin, Kyle, Brooke, Klay, Brennen, and Cassidy Biggins; and a stepdaughter, Robin Smith of Auburn.

He was also preceded in death by his son, Roger Dale Garringer, who died in May 2008; a grandson, Jorell Garringer; and two wives, Elizabeth (Wright) Garringer in January 1970 and Helen (Nantz) Garringer in 1997.

Visitation will be today, Friday, October 1, 2010, from 3-7 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville.

There will also be an hour of visitation before the funeral service on Saturday.

Funeral services will be Saturday, October 2, 2010, at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home. Officiating the funeral service will be the Rev. Paul B. Griebel.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville. Casketbearers will be Rex Garringer, John Evans, Calvin, Kyle, Klay, and Brennen Biggins and his two granddaughters, Cassidy and Brooke, as honorary bearers.

Send a condolence to the family at [www.hitefuneralhome.com](http://www.hitefuneralhome.com)

**Jack Reading Jr.**

**HUDSON** — Jack Reading Jr., 56, died at 12:34 p.m. Wednesday at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Reading was a self-employed sign maker.

He was a member of Christ's Church at Butler.

He was born April 14, 1954, in Detroit, Mich., to Jack Reading Sr. and Margaret Collinze Reading. He



**Mr. Reading**

married Teresa "Teri" Akey on Aug. 4, 1990. She survives.

Also surviving are his mother, Margaret Reading of Ashley; a son, Benjamin Reading, at home; a daughter, Hannah Reading, at home; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Neal and Janet Reading of Hudson and James and Teresa Reading of Hamilton; and a sister, Dorris Tieman of Fremont.

He was preceded in death by his father and a brother, Robert.

A celebration of life service will be at 5 p.m. Sunday at Dale Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with Pastor Dale Rabineau officiating.

Visitation will be after 3 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent to [www.dalejohnsonfh.com](http://www.dalejohnsonfh.com)



**THE NEWS SUN**  
Kendallville, IN  
October 1, 2010, Friday

The family of **Anne I. McCollough** would like to thank the friends and family members who have supported us following her untimely death.

Thank you to the LaPaz-North Township, Polk Township, and Lakeville fire departments and the Union-North EMS for their rapid response and hard work.

We are grateful for the cards, flowers, prayers, food and donations in her memory as they have meant so very much to all of us. Thank you.

A very special thanks to Rev. Cornelius Ryan, C.S.C. and Mary Ann LaPlante of Little Flower Catholic Church for their support and help with Mom's memorial service.

Pat, Jane, Judy and Ed, Terry, Larry and Ruthie, Kathy and Mike and Dave and Brenda

**Evelyn Lutz**

AUBURN — Memorial services for Evelyn Lutz will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday at Saint Mark's Lutheran Church, 211 W. Ninth St., Auburn, with the Rev. Stephen Kummernuss officiating.

Mrs. Lutz, 80, died Friday, Sept. 10, 2010 at her home.

Memorials are to Saint Mark's Lutheran Church or the Heimach Center.

Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

**Charles Carnahan**

ST. JOE — Charles A. Carnahan, 78, died Thursday at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn. Arrangements are pending at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville.

THE FAMILY OF  
**Roger L. Newman**

would like to thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers, flowers, cards, food and memorials during the loss of our son.

- Marjorie & Dick (Mom & Dad)
- Bruce Newman & Family (brother)
- Kimberly Kanney & Family (sister)
- Jackie (wife) & daughters  
Devon & Melissa
- Grandchildren Tanner & Adalynn



**THE NEWS SUN**  
Kendallville, IN  
October 2, 2010, Saturday

**Charles Carnahan**

ST. JOE — Charles Albert Carnahan, 78, of St. Joe died Thursday, September 30, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn, Ind.



**Mr. Carnahan**

He was born on March 1, 1932, in Auburn to the late Marshall and Belva Ann (Chorpenning) Carnahan. He married Anita McMaken on November 18, 1951, in St. Joe, Ind., and they had enjoyed 58 years together.

Surviving are his wife, Anita Carnahan of St. Joe, Ind.; a son, Elmer (Linda) Carnahan of Auburn, Ind.; a daughter, Cynthia (Sherl) Amburgey of St. Joe, Ind.; five grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; his stepmother, Donna Carnahan of Auburn, Ind.; four half sisters, Nancy Moore of Newville, Ind., Sharron (Robert) Plummer of Auburn, Ind., Martha (Robert) Geyer of Spencerville, Ind., and Dawn (Merlin) Bartles of Garrett, Ind.; and three half brothers, Ralph Rugman of Garrett, Bruce (Becky) Rugman of Auburn, Ind., and Warren Carnahan of Auburn, Ind.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Ed Carnahan; three half brothers, Keith, Steve and Joe Rugman; and two stepfathers, Ralph Rugman and Earl Gradeless.

**William Davis**

GARRETT — William H. Davis, 74, of Garrett and formerly of Avilla, passed away at 10:42 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2010, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort

Wayne. He had been in failing health for the past month.

At the request of the family, there will be no calling hour or services.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of the arrangements.

Charles worked as a conductor and brake man for the B & O Railroad for 42 years retiring in 1992. He was a WWII and Korean War veteran, a member of the Knights & Pythias, Butler American Legion and DeKalb Mason's Lodge No. 214.

He attended the Auburn Church of Christ and the St. Joe Church of Christ.

Calling will be held on Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville, Ind.

Services will be held on Monday at 11 a.m. at the funeral home with calling one hour prior. Officiating will be Pastor Eddie Clark and Pastor Joe Heins.

Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, St. Joe, Ind., with military honors.

Memorials are to the St. Joe Church of Christ, P.O. Box 285 St. Joe, IN 46785 or the Auburn Church of Christ, 1103 S. Jackson St., Auburn, IN 46706.

**Virginia Salsbury**

FREMONT — Virginia L. Salsbury, 89, of Fremont died Thursday, Sept. 30, 2010, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Salsbury was a homemaker.

She was a member of Jehovah's Witnessess of Fremont, Indiana East & West.

She was born April 26, 1921, in Fort Wayne, Ind., to George Franklin and Lillian Clara (Anderson) Harding. She married Dean E. Salsbury on April 27, 1939.

Surviving are a son, Ned Ellis and Darlene Salsbury of Fremont and their family; a daughter, Frances Kay Orten of Angola and her family; two brothers, Robert and Germaine Harding of Adrian, Mich., and David and Nancy Harding of California; three sisters, Florence Townsend of California, Deloris Somers of Fremont and Marilyn and Richard LaLone of Fremont; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Dean on May 26, 2003; and two brothers, George and Ross Harding.

Funeral services will be at a later date.

Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

Sign a guestbook at [www.weichtfh.com](http://www.weichtfh.com).



# Auburn fire chief led 'the family'

## Jerry Bauermeister brought humor, professionalism to job

BY BOB CULP

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AUBURN — Jerry Bauermeister viewed the Auburn Fire Department as an extension of his family.

A firefighter for 38 years, Bauermeister served as Auburn's fire chief from 1992 to 2005. Never without a story or a new joke, he helped usher in a new era of programs and thinking to the fire department, Auburn firefighters said.

Mr. Bauermeister, 65, died Sept. 24 at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

"There's not a week or month that goes by that something happens that doesn't remind us of him and his time here," said firefighter Andy Maloney, who was hired by Bauermeister.

Current Auburn Fire Chief Mike VanZile said Bauermeister started the training course at Fire Station No. 2 that is now among the best in the state. Jerry also began multiple programs during his tenure, including the fire department's honor guard and color guard.

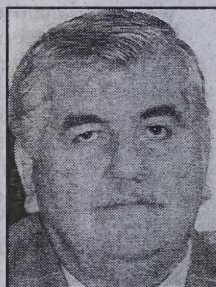
"He was a huge advocate of the training center," said Auburn Mayor Norm Yoder. "He always argued why we should advocate funds for it, and we never did it fast enough. He was very focused on the end result."

Bauermeister came to Auburn after spending 25 years with the Fort Wayne Fire Department, where he

won the 1987 Indiana Firefighter of the Year award

When he came to Auburn as fire chief in 1992, his stories and sense of humor came with him.

"He accumulated a lot of stories with his 25 years in Fort Wayne, and he shared them up here," Auburn Fire Department Capt. Ken Knox said. "He wanted to be part of that camaraderie in the firehouse."



Chief Bauermeister

Knox continued thinking back: "He was always telling jokes. Every day he always had something new. He would just start telling a story, and it would end up being a joke with the

punch line."

Family always came before the job. If a firefighter had family matters arise, Bauermeister would tell him to get it taken care of, then come back to work, VanZile said.

"Family was No. 1 to (Bauermeister)," he said. "I think the biggest thing I took away from Jerry was his fairness. Stuff comes up in people's lives, and he understood

that."

VanZile said Bauermeister viewed those involved with the fire department as family. Coming from Fort Wayne, he went from a 300-person department to Auburn's 20-person, close-knit group.

He made sure that family grew. In 1993, Bauermeister pushed the city administration to hire three firefighters, and then six more followed in 1996. Many of those he hired still work for the Auburn Fire Department today.

"He was great to Auburn as fire chief, guiding a small department with a lot of volunteers into a very professional organization with equal volunteers and full-time firefighters," Yoder said.

The sense of family stayed with Bauermeister long after he left the firehouse.

"Whenever I saw him after he retired, right after he asked, 'How you doing?', it was always, 'How's the family doing?'" Maloney said. "That has always stuck with me."

Those who knew Bauermeister said his legacy reaches beyond the programs he started and the companionship he enhanced.

"He was forward-thinking," VanZile said. "We always have to open doors. If we don't, we never know what's on the other side. We just have to keep pushing forward, 'cause our world changes every day."



**THE NEWS SUN**  
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October 3, 2010, Sunday

**Ronald Cope**

FREMONT — Ronald "Mike" Cope, 58, of Fremont, died Friday, Oct. 1, 2010, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Cope was owner of Jack's Service and Auto Repair, Fremont, formerly Jack's Union 76 Gas Station.

He was a graduate of Fremont High School.

He was born Nov. 17, 1951, in Hillsdale, Mich., to Ronald E. "Jack" and Jane A. (Mason) Cope.

He married Rebecca (Parsons) Cope and she survives in Fremont.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Melissa and Chad Clouse of Fremont and Stacey Cope of Fremont; a son and daughter-in-law, Tony and Kim Cope of Fremont; seven grandchildren; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Carol and Lloyd Fee of Hamilton and Kelli Pagley of Angola; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Larry and Cheri Cope of Angola and Andy and Joy Cope of Allen, Mich.; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Steven P. Cope.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Lynn Eicher officiating. Burial will be in Fremont Cemetery.

Calling will be Monday from 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be left at [beamsfuneralhome.com](http://beamsfuneralhome.com).



**Mr. Cope**

**Mary Meschberger**

AUBURN — Mary E. Meschberger, 99, of Auburn, died Saturday Oct. 2, 2010, at Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

She was born May 30, 1911 in Auburn to Jesse and Cora Bennett. They preceded her in death.

She Married Lester Meschberger on June 15, 1932, and he preceded her in death in 2004.

She is survived by three sons, David Meschberger of Wolcottville, Don Meschberger of Fort Wayne and Denny Meschberger of

Auburn; two daughters, Nancy Critchfield of New Haven and Joyce Harding of Corunna; 12 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main Street, Auburn.

Calling will be Monday from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home and one hour prior to funeral services Tuesday. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorials are to Norris Chapel United Methodist Church. To sign the online guest book, visit [Pinnington-mccomb.com](http://Pinnington-mccomb.com).

**Chasty Koble**

GARRETT — Chasty Shane Koble, 32, of St. Petersburg, Fla., died Friday, Oct. 1, 2010, in St. Petersburg, Fla.

She was born April 1, 1978, in Kendallville to Anthony Robert and Rhonda Lee (Shaw) Koble.

Chasty is survived by her daughters Macyra and Myasija Koble of Garrett; her parents, Anthony "Tony" and Rhonda Koble of Garrett; sisters, Ashlee Koble of Pinellas Park, Fla., and Tasha (Koble) and Willie Jordan of Tampa, Fla.; a nephew, Hunter Koble, of Pinellas Park; and her grandparents, Donna and Hudson Hays of Garrett and Robert and Caramay Koble, LaOtto.

Chasty was preceded in death by her grandfather, Ronald Shaw.

There will be no calling.

Private services will be held in Garrett at a later date.

Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett is handling arrangements.

**Albert Gilpin**

NEW HAVEN — Albert Gilpin Jr., 77, died Saturday, Oct. 2, 2010, at his daughter's residence in New Haven.

Services are pending with Northern Indiana Funeral Care of Kendallville and Fort Wayne.

**Bobbie Farrington**

LAGRANGE — Bobbie Gene Farrington, of LaGrange, died Saturday Oct. 2, 2010, at his residence. Arrangements are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange.



**THE NEWS SUN**  
**Kendallville, IN**  
**October 4, 2010, Monday**

**Layzena Shipp**

BUTLER — Layzena F. “Cindy” Shipp, 68, died Sunday, October 3, 2010, with her family by her side. Mrs.



**Mrs. Shipp**

Shipp worked for Tri-Wall Container in Butler for 26 ½ years, retiring in 1998. She also worked at Boney's

Restaurant in Waterloo for 15 years.

She attended One Truth Christian Outreach in Ashley. She was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles in Butler. She was a vocalist for the Keith Hart and the Country Travelers Band for over 25 years and was currently with the Don Warstler Band.

She was born on August 27, 1942, in War, W.Va., to Jessie and Hazel (Green) Hicks.

She married Allen Shipp on November 3, 1972, in Butler. He passed away on January 18, 1991.

Surviving are a daughter, Tersina “Cina” Osborn of Butler; a step-son, Allen Shipp Jr. of New Haven; two stepdaughters, Nancy Timlen of Grafton, Wisconsin, and Sandra Jo Shipp of Minnesota; three grandchildren, Amanda Miller, Stacy Wilson, and Jamie Shumaker; four great-grandchildren, Wade Miller, Austin Lee Wilson, Braden Wilson, and Jordyn Shumaker; two brothers, Jessie Hicks of West Union, Ohio, and Clarence James Hicks of Butler; three sisters, Loretta Krill of

Bryan, Ohio, Wanda Weicht of Butler, and Eva Moore of Corunna; nieces, Teresa Wolfe, Benita Irma Sessions, and Melissa Haverstock; and her companion, Rick Rowe of Waterloo.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; three brothers, Joe Hicks, John Hicks, and Leslie Hicks; and three sisters, Florinda Butler, Sussie Roy, and Darleen Hicks.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with Pastor Paul Slone officiating. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 5-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the DeKalb Memorial Home Health and Hospice, or St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, please visit [www.fellerandclark.com](http://www.fellerandclark.com).

**Edmund Ball**

FORT WAYNE — Edmund “Ed” Joseph Ball, 71, of Fort Wayne died Friday, Oct. 1, 2010.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 2417 Getz Road, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne, and Wednesday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

**THE NEWS SUN**  
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**October 4, 2010, Monday**

**Mary Ellis**

FORT WAYNE — Mary Joan Ellis, 81, went home to be with the Lord Saturday, October 2, 2010, surrounded by her loving family at Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.



**Mrs. Ellis**

Born in Antwerp, Ohio, Joan was a co-founder of Ellison Bakery, retiring in 1952. She was a former member of Broadway Christian Church. Joan was passionate about the Lord. She embraced her faith with a heart of "acceptance with joy." She was generous beyond measure and precious to her family and friends. She enjoyed reading the Word and tending to her flowers.

Surviving are her son, Larry (Teresa) Ellis of Avilla; daughters, Connie (Timothy) Schoeff of Roanoke, Mary (John) Pelletiere of Boca Raton, Fla., and Becky (Pastor Drew) Stephens of Evergreen, Colo.; brother, Richard (Mitzi) Armstrong of Fort Wayne; 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, George V. and Marguerite P. Armstrong; husband of 30 years, Donald Edward Ellis; son, Steve Ellis; sisters, Eileen Arend and Eleanor Curry; and brother, Robert Armstrong.

Services are 10 a.m. Wednesday, October 6, 2010, at D.O. McComb and Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road, with Pastor Drew Stephens

and Pastor Randy Samuels officiating. Calling will be at D.O. McComb and Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road, Tuesday, October 5, 2010, from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. and Wednesday, October 6, 2010, from 9-10 a.m. Entombment will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park, Fort Wayne.

Memorials may be made to the Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home of Fort Wayne.

To sign the online guest book, go to [www.mccombandsons.com](http://www.mccombandsons.com).

**Gladys Williams**

AUBURN — Gladys P. Williams, 97, of Auburn and formerly of Decatur, Ill., died Saturday, October 2, 2010, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Arrangements are pending at Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Auburn.



**THE NEWS SUN**  
**Kendallville, IN**  
**October 5, 2010, Tuesday**

**Lydia Yoder**

**MIDDLEBURY —**  
Lydia Lorene Yoder, 91, died Oct. 4, 2010, at her home in Middlebury.

Mrs. Yoder had previously lived in Pryor, Okla., and had moved to Middlebury in 1967.

She was a homemaker. She attended Zion Mennonite Church in Oklahoma where she was a Sunday school teacher. She was a member at Griner Mennonite Church in Middlebury.

She was born Nov. 13, 1918, in Ford County, Kan., to Joe and Fannie (Troyer) Stutzman. She married Eli N. Yoder on Dec. 14, 1939. He died Aug. 24, 1976.

Surviving are four sons, Harry (Barb) Yoder, Nelson (Verda) Yoder, both of Middlebury, Daniel Yoder of Goshen, and Harvey (Arlene) Yoder of Nampa, Idaho; one daughter, Mary (Ray) Yoder of Middlebury; 12 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren; and three sisters, Edna Miller of Middlebury, Edith (Ora) Yoder of Inola, Okla., and Vera Yoder of Chouteau, Okla.

Also preceding her in death was a son, Alva Joe; a grandson, Wayne Yoder; a great-granddaughter, Rachel Kneadler; her parents, Joe and Fanny Stutzman; three sisters, Barbara Yoder, Wilma Yoder, and Dorothy Stutzman; and four brothers, Enos, Harry, Jay, and Henry Stutzman.



**Mrs. Yoder**

**Edmund Ball**

**FORT WAYNE —**  
Edmund "Ed" Joseph Ball, 71, of Fort Wayne died Friday, Oct. 1, 2010, at his residence.

Mr. Ball was a beloved husband, father, grandpa, brother and friend to many. Ed enjoyed ballroom dancing; he was an avid, accomplished competitor.

He was a member of the Single Action Shooters Society and previously was active in the Fort Wayne Dive Club.



**Mr. Ball**

Born in Auburn, Mr. Ball worked for Zollner Piston and Warner Gear. He retired after 35 years with Fort Wayne Tire Center. He also worked in sales and as a manager for Isaac Tire.

He is survived by his wife of 25 years, Barbara; two sons, John Ball and the Rev. Eric (Teresa) Ball; two daughters, Sheila (Ron) Skinner and Tania (Greg) Stanezak; a stepson, Brian (Heather) Addis; two stepdaughters, Wanda (Major Anthony) Schillace and Vaunda Baxter; four sisters, Sarah (Gary) Leins, Marsha (Mike) Likens, Susan (John) Szela and Kristene (Wilbur) Moore; 22 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Elizabeth Betty Ball, and his parents, Edmund and Agnes Ball.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 2417 Getz Road, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne, and Wednesday one hour before the service at the church.

Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Memorials are to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Funeral services will be at 9:30 a.m. Thursday at Griner Mennonite Church in Middlebury with John Yoder, Robert Riegsecker, and Harley Troyer officiating. Burial will be in Hawpatch Cemetery in Topeka.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. Wednesday at the church. There will also be visitation one hour prior to the service on Thursday.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home of Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to Care at Home Hospice of Goshen General Hospital.

**THE NEWS SUN**  
Kendallville, IN  
October 5, 2010, Tuesday

**Steve Lehman**

LOGANSPORT — Steve Allen Lehman, 39, of Logansport died Thursday, Sept. 30, 2010, from complications of injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident July 12, 2008.

Mr. Lehman had been a self-employed personal trainer in Chicago. He was also a body builder and had won numerous awards for body building including being named Mr. Arizona in 2001.

He was a 1989 graduate of Westview Junior-Senior High School in Topeka

where he received awards for his artistic abilities.

Mr. Lehman was born Dec. 2, 1970.

Surviving are his wife, Julija Versinina of Chicago; his father, Elmer Lee (Elizabeth) Lehman of Middlebury; two sisters, Jonalisa (Michael) Bussey of Cassopolis, Mich., and Tammy Carpenter of Shipshewana; a brother, Gary (Angela) Lehman of Chicago; four nieces; four nephews; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his mother, LorAnna Mae Lehman, and his maternal grandparents, John and Edna Lehman.

Memorial services will be at 6 p.m. Sunday at Middlebury Church of the Brethren, 507 W. Bristol St., Middlebury.

Visitation will be from 2-5 and 7-8 p.m. Sunday at the church.

Miller Stewart Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



**Mr. Lehman**

**Sondra Caldwell**

BUTLER — Sondra J. Caldwell, 75, of Butler died Sunday, Oct. 3, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Arrangements are pending at Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Auburn.

A full obituary will appear in the Wednesday edition.

**Gladys Williams**

AUBURN — Gladys P. Williams, 97, of Auburn and formerly of Decatur, Ill., died Saturday, Oct. 2, 2010; at B&B Nursing Home in Auburn.

Calling will be from 3-7 p.m. Wednesday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn.

Additional calling will be from 1-2:30 p.m. Friday at Gracelawn/Fairlawn Funeral Home in Decatur, Ill., where the funeral will take place at 2:30 p.m. with the Rev. William C. "Bill" Ellis officiating. Burial will be in Macon County Memorial Park in Harris-town, Ill.

Memorials may be directed to First United Methodist Church in Auburn.

A full obituary will appear in the Wednesday edition.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit [www.fellerandclark.com](http://www.fellerandclark.com)

**Dane Brewer**

GARRETT — Dane Xavier Brewer, infant son of Korey Brewer and Monica Collison, died Sunday, Sept. 26, 2010, at DuPont Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Memorial services will be at 5 p.m. Thursday at the First Church of Christ in Garrett.

Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett is in charge of arrangements.

**Beverly Zimmerman**

ANGOLA — Beverly Joan Zimmerman, 69, of Angola died Sunday, Oct. 3, 2010, at her home.

Services are pending at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.



# Crash kills Auburn woman

**BUTLER** — An Auburn woman died in a two-vehicle collision Tuesday at 4:22 p.m. south of Butler, DeKalb County Police reported.

Maxine M. Fry, 79, of the 1300 block of McIntyre Drive, died at the scene of the crash — the intersection of S.R. 1 and C.R. 40.

A passenger in her car, Earl W. Richmond of the 4000 block of C.R. 35, Auburn, was taken to DeKalb Memorial Hospital

in Auburn for treatment of internal injuries.

The other driver, Trey E. Landis, 17, of the 5500 block of C.R. 60, St. Joe, was not injured, police said.

A news release said Fry was driving a 2000 Ford Taurus east on C.R. 40 and stopped for a stop sign at S.R. 1.

She then drove her car into the path of a 2000 Ford F150 pickup truck that Landis was driving

southbound on S.R. 1. The pickup truck hit the driver's side door of the car.

The impact pushed the car into a ditch on the southwest corner of the intersection, where it struck an electric fence and stopped.

DeKalb County Police investigated, with assistance at the scene from DeKalb EMS, the Butler Fire Department and Indiana State Police.

## THE FAMILY OF MARY DIETRICH



wishes to thank all her friends and relatives who came to visit or sent cards and flowers during her time of illness and passing. We would also like to thank Pastor Bob Shriner, who provided her with Holy Communion, prayer and comfort, St. John's Lutheran Church members for their prayers, Mt. Zion Lutheran Church Ladies for the luncheon, Parkview

North Healthcare and Hospice for their help, Ft. Wayne Oncology doctors and the nurses for their exceptional care, kindness and services, Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana, Carney-Frost Funeral Home and the friends who sent refreshments to the funeral home and to our house.

**MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL.**

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**Kay Anderson**

GRABILL — Kay Annette Anderson, 65, servant of the Living God, was ushered into the presence of her Savior on Monday, October 4, 2010, at her home following a fierce year-long battle with multiple myeloma.



**Mrs. Anderson**

She was born on June 26, 1945, in Fort Wayne, Indiana, to Robert and Doris (Green) Hersha.

Kay graduated from Leo High School in 1963 and married her high school sweetheart, Bob Anderson, in August 1963.

Kay is respected for her love of God, her love of family and her love for those whom are hurting. Kay was a giver at heart and always found ways to make people feel loved and important.

She was a superb hostess for everything from weekly college student Bible studies in their home to parties for just about every occasion. Many marveled at her

decorating abilities and especially loved to see her Christmas transformation every year. She was also an avid flower gardener with a passion for roses.

She was a member of Grabill Missionary Church and also attended County Line Church of God while her son-in-law, Bob Herman, pastored there.

Kay is survived by her husband; three daughters, Connie Kay Anderson, Julie Jean Herman and Kristie Sue Ransom; nine grandchildren; her mother, Doris; a brother, Richard Hersha; and a sister, Phyllis Morris.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Vickie Lynn; a son, Timothy Alan; and her father.

Visitation will be Friday from 1-4 and 6-9 at County Line Church of God, Auburn, Indiana.

A celebration service will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at County Line Church of God, Auburn, Indiana.

Private burial will be at Leo Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Grabill Missionary Church Deacon's Fund or World Vision Clean Water Fund.

Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, Ohio, is in charge of arrangements

Online condolences may be shared at  
[www.smithbrownfuneralhome.com](http://www.smithbrownfuneralhome.com)

**Willa Watterson**

ANGOLA — Willa T. Watterson, 94, of Angola died Monday, Oct. 4, 2010, in Angola.

Mrs. Watterson had been an inspector for Western Electric in Indianapolis for 27 years, retiring in 1978.

She was a former member of the Hillcrest Baptist Church.

Mrs. Watterson was born April 29, 1916, in Covington, Ind., to George L. and Martha (Henderson) Tittle.

Surviving are Kerry and Debra Hoyer of Pleasant Lake, Clayton and Judy Griffin of Angola and Sue Merrell of Indianapolis.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Graveside services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Mt. Zion Cemetery in Steuben County with the Rev. George Foulk officiating.

Visitation will be from 9-10 a.m. Saturday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Memorials are to Steuben County Humane Society.

Sign a guestbook online at [www.weichtfh.com](http://www.weichtfh.com)



**Mrs. Watterson**

**Donita Lawson**

KENDALLVILLE — Donita Jean (Heingartner) Lawson, 41, of Fernandina Beach, Fla., and formerly of Albion died Monday, Oct. 4, 2010, in Fernandina Beach.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, Kendallville.



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### **Geneva Waller**

QUINCY, Mich. — Geneva B. Waller, 83, of Quincy died Tuesday, Oct. 5, 2010, at her grandson's residence in Coldwater.

Mrs. Waller had a vacation home on Archer Lake for many years and moved to the Branch County area in the late 1970s.

She retired from Uniform Printing in Kendallville, Ind.

Mrs. Waller was a graduate of Pleasant Lake High

School, Pleasant Lake, Ind.

She was a member of the VFW Auxiliary and the American Legion Auxiliary where she had served as past president. She was also a member of St. Charles Borromeo Church in Coldwater.

She was born Feb. 9, 1927, in Steuben County, Ind., to Byron and Arlene (Holiday) Slick. She married Leo A. Waller on Aug. 30, 1946. He preceded her in death on Jan. 19, 1987.

Surviving are her grandson, Todd (Casey) Waller of Coldwater; her granddaughters, Tammy (Tim) Marshall of Dalton City, Ill., Tricia (Josh) Posanka of Bourbonnais, Ill., and Vicki (Brian) Wicker of Bradley, Ill.; her sisters, Lorene Youngs of Quincy and Gladys Deetz of Bryan, Ohio; a daughter-in-law, Patricia Waller of Quincy, and 12 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, Leo, Geneva was preceded in death by her son, Allen Waller in 2008, and her sister, Cleota Thompson.



**Mrs. Waller**

### **Albert Gilpin**

NEW HAVEN — Albert Gilpin Jr., 77, of New Haven and formerly of Sylmar, Calif., died Saturday, Oct. 2, 2010, at his daughter's residence in New Haven, Ind.

Visitation from 10 a.m. to noon Friday at the Navy Club Ship 245, 412 Broadway St., Fort Wayne.

Burial service with full military honors will be at 2 p.m. Friday Marion National Cemetery, Marion, Ind. Honor guard chaplain Charlie Hall will officiate the service. Military honors will be given by the

Kokomo VFW and active duty National Guard troops.

Memorials are to Veterans Administration Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Northern Indiana Funeral Care of Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be directed to the Quincy American Legion Auxiliary 157.

Services will be held on Saturday, October 9, 2010, at 10 a.m. at Dutcher Funeral Home in Coldwater with the Rev. Father Dan Doctor officiating.

Interment will follow at Lakeview Cemetery in Quincy.

Visitation will be held on Friday, October 8, 2010, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Please visit [www.dutcherfh.com](http://www.dutcherfh.com) to share in the online guestbook.

### **Larinda Killian**

WOODBURN — Larinda C. Killian, 99, passed away Monday, October 4, 2010, at Heritage Park, Fort Wayne.

Born in New Haven, she was the daughter of the late Henry and Mary Nietert.



**Mrs. Killian**

She was a member of Christ Lutheran Church, Woodburn, where she taught Sunday school for many years.

She was a cook at Pat's Truck Stop for 20 years.

She is survived by her son, Robert (Debra) Killian of Hamilton; and her grandchildren, Kathy Selig, Julie Trainer, Lisa Cress, Rob Killian, and Shawn Killian.

She was preceded in death by her husband Robert H. Killian, in 1985; a daughter, Maryann Schilb Clark in 1996; and her brothers, Alfred, Edwin, and Wilmer "Red" Nietert.

Funeral services are at 11 a.m. Saturday at Christ Lutheran Church, 4412 Park St., Woodburn, with calling one hour prior. The Rev. Timothy Edwards will officiate.

Calling is also from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Burial is in the church cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to Christ Lutheran Church, Woodburn.

E. Harper & Son Funeral Home in New Haven is in charge of arrangements.

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### Gladys Williams

AUBURN — Gladys (Hays) Williams, 97, of Auburn, Ind. (formerly of Decatur, Ill.), passed away October 2, 2010, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn, Ind., following a brief illness.



Mrs. Williams

Gladys was born December 8, 1912, in Macon County, Ill., to William Asberry Hays and Mamie Eulalia (Hinsey) Hays. Gladys graduated from Stephen Decatur High School in Decatur, Ill., in 1931. She married Ornan A. Williams on December 8, 1933. He died September 1, 1989. She lived in Decatur, Ill., until she moved to Auburn, Ind., in 2001.

She was a longtime member of Peoples Church of God in Decatur, Ill., where she served as president of the Women of the Church of God for six years and, along with her husband, as a youth teacher and counselor for eight years. After moving to Auburn, Ind., she was a member of the Auburn Presbyterian Church, eventually transferring her membership to First United Methodist Church in order to attend services with her son and daughter-in-law until the time of her passing.

She had a love for gospel music and was an avid reader. Over the years, she developed a great interest in politics and sports — especially for the

Chicago Cubs.

Gladys was a staunch Christian who loved the Lord with all that was in her. She was known to be a caring friend to those around her.

She is survived by three children, Ornan Dale (wife, Maureen) Williams of Auburn, Ind., Edwin Keith (wife, Shirley) Williams of Aurora, Colo., and Ben Eugene (wife, Karen) Williams of Darley, England; six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Mamie Hays; a brother, William Clarence Hays; a sister, Pearl Irene Hays; her husband, Ornan A. Williams; a daughter-in-law, E. Jane Williams; and a grandson, Brian Williams.

Visitation will be from 3 to 7 p.m. today, Wednesday, October 6, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home in Auburn, Ind., and from 1-2:30 p.m. Friday at Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home in Decatur, Ill. A service of memory and tribute will be held at Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home in Decatur, Ill., at 2:30 p.m. Friday with the Rev. Dr. William C. Ellis of Scott Depot, W.Va., officiating. Interment will follow at Macon County Memorial Park in Harristown, Ill.

Memorial contributions may be directed to First United Methodist Church Memorial, 1203 E. 7th St. Auburn, IN 46706. Online condolences and memories may be shared with the family at [www.gracelandfairlawn.com](http://www.gracelandfairlawn.com)

### Melba Faulkner

LAOTTO — Melba L. Faulkner, 81, of LaOtto died Monday, Oct. 4, 2010, in Kendallville Manor Health Care Center where she had resided for the past year.



Mrs. Faulkner

Mrs. Faulkner was a 1947 graduate of Lafayette Central High School.

She was a homemaker. She was born July 21, 1929, in Fort Wayne to Clarence and Lillian (Henderson) Mallo. She married Erle D. Faulkner Dec. 21, 1955, in Roanoke. He preceded her in death Feb. 7, 2003.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Rhonda and Jeff Collins of Auburn and Robin and Damon Lewis of Churubusco; three sons, Randy Faulkner of LaOtto, Ricky Faulkner of LaOtto and Russell Faulkner of Atlanta, Ga.; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a brother, Harold Mallo of Roanoke.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Mary Lou Mallo.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com)



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### **Evelyn Ferguson**

**GARRETT** — Evelyn Julia Ferguson, 74, of Garrett died Tuesday, Oct. 5, 2010, at her residence.



**Mrs. Ferguson**

Mrs. Ferguson was an accounts payable clerk for the City of Garrett for 12 years before retiring in 1996.

She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett, Tri Kappa Sorority, Red Hat Society and the Sewing Club.

She was born July 29, 1936, in Garrett to Camillo and Frances (Aversa) Zecca. She married David K. Ferguson on Oct. 6, 1956, in Garrett.

She is survived by her husband, David K. Ferguson of Garrett; two sons, David Ferguson Jr. of Huntertown and Tom Ferguson of Galveston, Texas; two daughters, Julia Steward of Garrett and Diana Waring of Avilla; a brother, Henry Zecca Sr. of Garrett; a sister, Elizabeth Schlotterer of Chandler, Ariz.; 14 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Brent Ferguson; a brother, Vincent Zecca; and a sister, Ellen Conkle.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Friday at 10 a.m. at St. Joseph

### **Helen Chokey**

**LIGONIER** — Helen C. (Rosenogle) Chokey, 84, of Pahoa, Hawaii, formerly of Syracuse, Ind., died Sunday, Oct. 3, 2010. Arrangements are pending at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier.

### **Cletus Lee**

**SYRACUSE** — Cletus A. Lee, 88, of Syracuse died Tuesday, Oct. 5, 2010, at Goshen General Hospital.

Memorial services at 3 p.m. Sunday at Clearview United Brethren Church, 67622 U.S. 33, Goshen. Private family burial at Syracuse Cemetery.

Memorials to Clearview United Brethren Church.

Owen Family Funeral Home in Syracuse is in charge of arrangement.

### **Rodney Athy**

**ANGOLA** — Rodney D. Athy, 56, of Angola died Saturday, Oct. 2, 2010, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Athy was a former laborer at Manville Corp. in Defiance, Ohio.

He was a U.S. Army Vietnam War veteran.

He was born Oct. 6, 1953, in Montpelier, Ohio, to Robert E. and Cora G. (Turner) Athy. His father is deceased and his mother survives in Defiance.

Also surviving are his fiancée, Tina Proxmire of Angola; four sons, Jeremy and Jinny Athy of Morganstown, W.Va., Brian and Ashley Athy of Pioneer, Ohio, Nicholas and Heather Athy of Montpelier, and Jerrod Athy of Defiance; a daughter, Amanda Athy and Kurt Warner of Angola; 11 grandchildren; four brothers, Kevin Athy of Defiance, Michael and Dixie Athy of Elkhart, Robin and Tresae Athy of West Unity, Ohio, and Jamie Athy of Defiance; a sister, Kimberly and Andrew Lovett of Toledo, Ohio; and many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by his grandparents.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. today at Hanenkrath-Clevenger-Schaffer Funeral Home in Defiance with the Rev. Donald L. Luhring officiating.

Memorials are to the Veteran's Memorial Fund or the American Heart Association.

Condolences may be sent online to [www.HCSFuneralHome.com](http://www.HCSFuneralHome.com)

Catholic Church with Father Derrick Sneyd officiating. Burial will follow in Christian Union Cemetery rural Garrett.

Visitation will be held from 2-7 p.m. Thursday at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett. There will be a Tri Kappa service at 7 p.m. and a Rosary service at 7:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Joseph Catholic School or St. Martin's Healthcare.

To send a condolence or sign the online guestbook visit [www.thomasfuneralhome.org](http://www.thomasfuneralhome.org)

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**Stephen Bowers**

AUBURN — Stephen L. Bowers, 58, passed away Tuesday October 5, 2010, at his home in Auburn.

He was born on February 4, 1952, in Garrett. His father, Elmer Bowers, has passed away. His mother and stepfather, Hildanna (Nelson) and Noel Camp, survive in Waterloo.

He was a painting contractor, owning and operating Reasonable Painting of Auburn for over 30 years.

He was a member of the Auburn Moose Lodge.

He enjoyed hunting and fishing. He also enjoyed the NHRA with his favorite driver being John Force, and NASCAR with his favorite driver being the late Dale Earnhardt.

He married Donna J. (Winebrenner) O'Dell on December 29, 2009, in Auburn and she survives.

He is also survived by



**Mr. Bowers**

two sons, Matthew (Timothy) Reuter-Bowers of Chicago, Ill., and Derrick Bowers of St. Clair Shores, Mich.; a stepson, Sean (Mia) O'Dell of Auburn; a stepdaughter, Shannon O'Dell of Okinawa, Japan; three grandchildren, Zella Rose Bowers, Joseph Ezekiel "Zeke" Reuter-Bowers and Sofia Rae O'Dell; two brothers, Gerry (Vickie) Yontz of Peoria, Ariz., and Larry (Sharon) Bowers of Waterloo; two sisters, Sherry Pagliuco of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Merry (Merle) Crager of Pleasant Lake; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Terry Yontz.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with Evelyn Esselburn officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

The family will receive friends from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to DeKalb Memorial Home Health and Hospice or DeKalb County Humane Society.

To view an obituary online or send condolences go to

[www.fellerandclark.com](http://www.fellerandclark.com)

**Sondra Caldwell**

BUTLER — Sondra J. Caldwell, 75, of Butler died Sunday, October 3, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

She was a former employee of the Federal Fertilizer Company in Butler, Albion Production Credit Union in Auburn, and Guardian Industries in Auburn, retiring in 1992.

She was a member of the Norris Chapel United Methodist Church in rural Auburn.

She was born on November 21, 1934, in DeKalb County, to Ivan and Helen (Hart) Rosenberry.

Surviving are her husband, Avon Caldwell of Butler; a son, Scott Caldwell of Butler; three sisters, Pat Ackerman of Hamilton, Deanna and Ed Shull of Butler, and Kimberly Montgomy of Texas; and a grandson, Nathan Caldwell of Butler.

A memorial service will take place at 3 p.m. Sunday at Norris Chapel United Methodist Church, 4793 C.R. 40a, Auburn, with the Rev. Jack Smith officiating.

The family will receive friends from 1-3 p.m. Sunday prior to the service at the church.

Memorials may be directed to the family in care of Avon Caldwell.

Feller and Clark Funeral Home in Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, please visit [www.fellerandclark.com](http://www.fellerandclark.com)



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**Evelyn Kelly**

INDIANAPOLIS — Evelyn Louise Kelly, 92, died Monday October 4, 2010, at her home in Indianapolis.

She was born on February 16, 1918, in Union Township to Harry and Pauline (Ketel) Hefty. She married John Kelly Jr. in 1937, and he passed away in 1952.

She is survived by a grandson, John Bennett of Indianapolis and a brother and sister-in-law, Raymond "Hoover" and Dorothy Hefty of Auburn.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter and son-in-law, Mary Kay and William F. Bennett; and two brothers, Ralph and Harry Hefty.

Graveside services will be conducted in the Catholic Cemetery in Auburn on Friday, Oct. 8, at 2:30 p.m. There will be no calling.

Services will be conducted by Father David Carkenord of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Waterloo.

Feller and Clark Funeral Home in Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

To view an obituary online or to send condolences, visit [www.fellerandclark.com](http://www.fellerandclark.com)

**Donna Beachy**

LAGRANGE — Donna Sue Beachy, 54, of LaGrange died Monday, Oct. 4, 2010, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital.

Miss Beachy had lived most of her life in LaGrange County.



**Miss Beachy**

She had worked for 20 years at LaSalle Bristol in Elkhart.

She was born Nov. 15, 1955, in Marysville, Ohio, to Lester and Ida (Yoder) Beachy. They both survive in LaGrange.

Also surviving are a son, Christopher Beachy of LaGrange; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Dorothy and Clayton Stevens of Howe, and Bonnie and Scott Eagleson and Betty and Jan

Schummer all of Angola; and two brothers, Kenneth and Ronnie Beachy, both of LaGrange.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, with the Rev. Chris Danielson officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Visitation will be held from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Humane Society.

Condolences may be left for the family at [www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com](http://www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com)

## Marvin Dale Garringer, 82

Marvin Dale Garringer, age 82, of Fort Wayne, died on Wednesday, September 29, 2010 at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Garringer was born in Fort Recovery, Ohio on July 1, 1928 to the late David Carl and Irma (Arnold) Garringer.

Marvin lived in Kendallville since 1954 coming from Fort Recovery, Ohio and moved to the Spencerville/Fort Wayne area in 2000.

He married Sharon Faye Carmicheal on August 29, 1998.

Marvin was a maintenance worker and employed with Kraft Foods in Kendallville for 28 years before retiring in 1990.

He worked 16 years without missing a day! He was a very dedicated worker.

Marvin loved to go fishing and he was often heard telling about his old fishing stories.

In his younger days, he enjoyed hunting.

Marve was a loyal Chicago Cubs baseball and I.U. basketball fan.

He loved spending time

with his grandchildren and attending their events.

Marvin was always helping others, inviting company over to visit or to share a meal together.

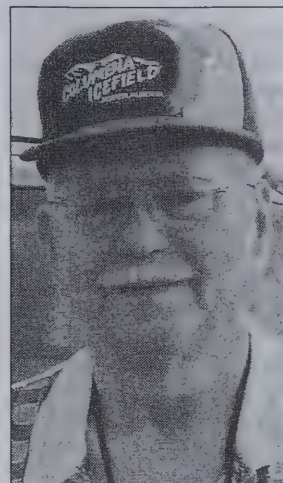
Most days, you could find him tinkering around the barn or garage.

He loved his peanuts and popcorn snacks and he always had that cute, little ornery smile on his face.

Survivors include:

Wife, Sharon Garringer of Fort Wayne; son, Rex and Lou Garringer of Ardmore, Oklahoma; grandchildren, Tricia, Sarah, Anthony and step-grandson, Ricky; great-grandchildren, Cayleb and Kaden; step-sons, Bill and Kandi Biggins of Spencerville, Rick Biggins of Fort Wayne; step-grandchildren, Calvin, Kyle, Brooke, Klay, Brennen, and Kassidy Biggins; step-daughter, Robin Smith of Auburn; step-sons, Danny Smith of Coldwater, Michigan, Paul Smith of Ohio.

He was preceded in death by his son, Roger Dale Garringer, who died in May 2008; a grandson, Jorell Garringer; two wives, Elizabeth



(Wright) Garringer in January 1970 and Helen (Nantz) Garringer in 1997.

Funeral services were Saturday, October 2, 2010 at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service was Rev. Paul B. Griebel.

Burial was at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Casketbearers were Rex Garringer, John Evans, Calvin, Kyle, Klay, and Brennen Biggins and his two granddaughters, Kassidy and Brooke as honorary bearers.

Send a condolence to the family at [www.hitefuneralhome.com](http://www.hitefuneralhome.com) or find us on Facebook.com.



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**Larinda Killian**

WOODBURN — Larinda C. Killian, 99, passed away Monday, October 4, 2010, at Heritage Park, Fort Wayne.

Born in New Haven, she was the daughter of the late

Henry and Mary Nietert.

She was a member of Christ Lutheran Church, Woodburn, where she taught Sunday school for many years.

She was a cook at Pal's Truck Stop for 20 years.

She is survived by her son, Robert (Debra) Killian of Hamilton; her grandchildren, Kathy Selig, Julie Trainer, Lisa Cress, Rob Killian, and Shawn Killian; nine great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband Robert H. Killian, in 1985; a daughter, Maryann Schilb Clark in 1996; and her brothers, Alfred, Edwin, and Wilmer "Red" Nietert.

Funeral services are at 11 a.m. Saturday at Christ Lutheran Church, 4412 Park St., Woodburn, with calling one hour prior. The Rev. Timothy Edwards will officiate.

Calling is also from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 S.R. 930 E., New Haven.

Burial is in the church cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to Christ Lutheran Church, Woodburn.



**Mrs. Killian**

**Janelle Amick**

DANVILLE — Janelle R. (Nicole) Amick of Danville, Ind., died Monday, October 4, 2010. She was 33 years old.

Born April 30, 1977, in Fort Wayne, Ind., she was the daughter of Karen and Richard Nicole. She married her best friend, James Amick, August 27, 2005.

A dedicated animal lover, Janelle graduated in 2000 from Purdue University in animal science. She worked at Bluefish Wireless as an operational manager and was a member of Mary Queen of Peace in Danville, Ind.

Although Janelle had struggled daily with pain over the last 20 months, she was excited and looking forward to becoming a mother in January.

In addition to her husband and parents, she is survived by a sister, Jennifer Kirkpatrick (Rodger); two brothers, Jason Nicole (Cindy) and Jerrod Nicole (Stacy); an aunt, Debbie Pruitt; two uncles, Tony Pruitt and Danny Elwell; two nieces; and six nephews.

Calling will take place from 4-8 p.m. today, Thursday, October 7, 2010, at Conkle Funeral Home, in Avon, Ind.

Services will be 10 a.m. on Friday, October 8.

Burial will be at the Catholic Cemetery on Lake Avenue in Fort Wayne, Ind. at approximately 2 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to the ASPCA.

**Wesley Harig**

AUBURN — Wesley E. Harig, 75, of Auburn died Tuesday, October 5, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

He was born August 11, 1935, in Traverse City, Michigan, the son of the late Clarence A. and Mary M. Harig.

He worked at Auburn Gear for 33 years, retiring in 1997.

He was a U.S. Army Veteran of the Korean War, a former Jackson Township volunteer firefighter and an avid fisherman.

He is survived by his wife, Phyllis Harig of Auburn; a son, Steve Harig of Auburn; a stepson, Duane Caywood of Garrett; his sisters, Evelyn (Nat) Rice of Traverse City, Mich., and Barbara (Don) Vyverberg of South Boardman, Mich.; his grandchildren, Kyle, Samantha, Sarina, Kirk and Stephanie Harig of Auburn; his stepgranddaughters, Christy Kruckeberg of New Haven, Emily Caywood of Garrett and Michaela Caywood of Garrett; and stepgreat-grandchildren, Shelby and Ace Kruckeberg of New Haven.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Georgia A. Harig, in 1999.

Funeral services will be Sunday at 2 p.m., with visitation one hour prior, at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Visitation also on Saturday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

To sign the online guest or to send a sympathy card, visit [www.pinningtonmccomb.com](http://www.pinningtonmccomb.com).



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She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Mamie Hays; a brother, William Clarence Hays; a sister, Pearl Irene Hays; a brother, Walter Dean Hays; her husband, Ornan A. Williams; a daughter-in-law, E. Jane Williams; and a grandson, Brian Williams.

Visitation was Wednesday, October 6, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home in Auburn, Ind., and will be from 1-2:30 p.m. Friday at Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home in Decatur, Ill. A service of memory and tribute will be held at Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home in Decatur, Ill., at 2:30 p.m. Friday with the Rev. Dr. William C. Ellis of Scott Depot, W.Va., officiating. Interment will follow at Macon County Memorial Park in Harristown, Ill.

Memorial contributions may be directed to First United Methodist Church Memorial, 1203 E. 7th St. Auburn, IN 46706. Online condolences and memories may be shared with the family at [www.gracelandfairlawn.com](http://www.gracelandfairlawn.com)

**Beverly Zimmerman**

ANGOLA — Beverly Joan Zimmerman, 69, of Angola died Sunday, Oct. 3, 2010, at her home.

Mrs. Zimmerman was a waitress.

She was a member of Hillcrest Baptist Church.

She was born Nov. 7, 1940, in Paris, Ill., to Tommie and Freda (Henson) Bowen.

Surviving are her mother, Freda Bowen of Crawfordsville; three sons, Jeffery and Mary Miles of Angola, Richard Miles of Angola and Jason Miles of Angola; a daughter, Kim and Michael Burrage of Auburn; two stepsons, Mark and Julie Zimmerman of Ashville, N.C.; and Michael Zimmerman of Auburn; two stepdaughters, Mary Maple of St. Joe and Melanie Saxton of Houston, Texas; a brother, Tommie David and Kathy Bowen of Pawnee, Ill.; two sisters, Linda Mullen of Darlington, Ind., and Marla Fay of Greencastle; six grandchildren; five stepgrandchildren; one great-grandchild; and three stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father, Tommie Bowen; her husband, Douglas Earl Zimmerman on Dec. 30, 2006; and a brother, Richard Bowen.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Hillcrest Baptist Church in Angola with Pastor Terry Sturges officiating.

Visitation will be from 1 to 2 p.m. Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Society or the Steuben County Humane Society.

Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

Sign a guestbook at [www.weichtfh.com](http://www.weichtfh.com)



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### **Laura Beard**

AUBURN — Laura M. Beard, 33, of Auburn died Sunday, Oct. 3, 2010,

shortly after admittance to DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Miss Beard was a production worker and most recently worked at Boshe Automotive in Albion.

She was born July 24, 1977, in DeKalb County, Ind., to Ronald D. and Martha J. (Kagey) Beard, who preceded her in death. Surviving are a sister, Alicia (Michael) Graves, of Spencerville; a brother, Tim (Tara) Beard of Lexington, S.C.; and six nephews and nieces.

Visitation will be from 2-7 p.m. Saturday in the Krill Funeral Home, Edgerton, Ohio.

Celebration of life services will be at 5 p.m. Sunday in the Coburn Corners Church of Christ.

Private interment will take place in Maple Grove Cemetery, Edgerton.

Memorials are to the family for expenses.

Condolences may be sent to and the online register may be signed at [www.krillfuneralservice.com](http://www.krillfuneralservice.com)



**Miss Beard**

### **Ralph Slone**

KENDALLVILLE — Ralph Elliot Slone was stillborn Wednesday, Oct. 6, 2010, in Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

He is the son of Shane Slone and Rachel Rhoades of Kendallville.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel.

### **Chasty Koble**

GARRETT — A celebration of life for Chasty Shane Koble will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at Celebration Hall, 1346 S. Randolph St., Garrett.

Miss Koble died Friday, Oct. 1, 2010, in St. Petersburg, Fla.

### **Maxine Fry**

AUBURN — Maxine Marie Fry, 79, of Auburn died Tuesday, October 5, 2010, in an automobile accident at the intersection of S.R. 1 and C.R. 40 south of Butler.

Maxine was born December 23, 1930, in Wakarusa to Eli and Hattie (Metzler) Yoder.

She worked as a nurse's aide in several area nursing home including the Butler Hotel and Betz Nursing Home.

She was an active member of the Auburn Church of Christ.

She married Keith Fry on December 16, 1950, and he passed away November 6, 2001.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Kevin and Sheryl Fry of Fort Wayne and Lynn and Lisa Fry of Auburn; two grandchildren, Tyler Fry of Fort Wayne and Danielle Fry of Fort Wayne; and a sister and brother-in-law, Elizabeth and Ray Richards of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and 2 brothers, Wayne and Olin Yoder.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, October 9, 2010, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with Joseph Heins officiating.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Friday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the Auburn Church of Christ, 208 W. 18th St., Auburn, IN 46706.

To view an obituary online or send condolences go to [fellerandclark.com](http://fellerandclark.com)



**Mrs. Fry**

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**Donita Lawson**

KENDALLVILLE — Donita Jean "Dee" (Heingartner) Lawson, 41, of Fernadino Beach, Florida, and formerly of Albion died Monday, October 4, 2010, in Fernadino Beach.

Donita enjoyed riding motorcycles, collecting thimbles and painting.

She was born August 16, 1969, in Fort Wayne to Donald and Delores Jean (Winebrenner) Heingartner.

Surviving are her father and stepmother, Donald and Loretta Heingartner of Albion; her mother and stepfather, Delores Jean and Dave Carnahan of Missouri; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Anita Plummer of Albion and Lori (Plummer) and Trevor Rice of Kimmell; a brother, Paul Plummer of Indianapolis; her maternal grandmother, Evelyn Winebrenner of Columbia City; three aunts, Nancy and Mike Clouse of Albion, Pat Lytal of Big Bear, California, and Donna and Paul Springer of Ashley; three uncles, Terry and Brenda Winebrenner of North Carolina, Dean and Lori Heingartner of Auburn, and Dan and Jane Heingartner of Wolcottville; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents, George and Geraldine (Beck) Heingartner, and her maternal grandfather, Merritt Winebrenner.



**Ms. Lawson**

**Chasty Koble**

GARRETT — A celebration of life for Chasty Shane

Koble will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 17, at Celebration Hall, 1346 S. Randolph St., Garrett.

Miss Koble died Friday, Oct. 1, 2010, in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Funeral services will be Saturday, October 9, 2010, at 10 a.m. at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, with the Rev. Ben L. Archer and the Rev. Lee Brickey of the Albion Apostolic Church officiating. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion.

Calling is Friday, October 8, 2010, from 4 to 8 p.m. and one hour prior to the services on Saturday at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com)

**Sue Clark**

ALBION — Sue Marie Clark, age 70, died on Thursday, October 7, 2010, at 2:10 a.m. at her home in Albion.

She was born on January 11, 1940, in Michigan and was the daughter of Quentin Arthur and Robbie L. (Darnall) Cavill.

She came to the Albion area in 1968.

Mrs. Clark retired as a manager at Fuji Film, formerly McJon Photo, in Fort Wayne. She had been employed there since January 1, 1969, and retired in 2004.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Terry and Cindy Allgood of Austin, Texas, Mike Allgood of Kendallville, and Craig and Christine Allgood of Ozark, Alabama; a daughter, Susie Centers of Fort Wayne; her sisters, Diane Harris of Hometown, Michelle "Mickie" Cavill of Toledo, Sandee Cavill of Fort Wayne, and Darlene Noe of Friendswood, Texas; six grandchildren, Joshua Allgood, Jennifer Allgood, Megan Allgood, Mandi Allgood, Cayden Centers and Colton Centers; two great-grandchildren, Cruz and Marissa Allgood; and six half siblings located in Kentucky.

Visitation for Mrs. Clark will be Saturday, October 9, 2010, from 1 until 3 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

There will be a private funeral service.

Cremation will take place.

Memorials may be made to Parkview Noble Hospice.



**Mrs. Clark**



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### Grace Smith

WAWAKA — Grace Smith, age 81, of Wawaka, died on Wednesday, October 6, 2010, at her home in Wawaka.

Mrs. Smith was born in Bear Branch, Knott County, Kentucky, on May 7, 1929, to Ashford and Della (Gibson) Conley.

She married Hargis Smith on May 16, 1946, in Hazard, Kentucky.

Grace was a nurses' aide and employed for 10 years at Mark's Nursing Home and Miller's Merry Manor, both in LaGrange.

She was a member of the Salem United Baptist Church in Rome City.

Grace enjoyed listening to music and singing, gardening, and bird watching from her porch.

She loved spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren and being involved in her church.



**Mrs. Smith**

Survivors include her husband of 64 years, Hargis Smith of Northridge Village in Albion; a son and daughter-in-law, Keith and Leisa Smith of Howe; two daughters and a son-in-law, Carolyn and Joe Olson of Pacific, Missouri, and Cathy Fulford of Kendallville, Indiana; five grandchildren, Amy Darling of Antioch, Illinois, David Olson of Blair, Nebraska, Sarah Kreichbergs of Independence, Missouri, Shawn Detwiler of Elkhart and Jason Fulford of Ligonier; eight great-grandchildren; two brothers an a sister-in-law, James Conley of Wolcottville and Brother, Herbert and Mary Conley of Wolcottville; and a half sister, Kathryn Fugate of Clear Creek, Kentucky.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Denver and Eddie Conley; three half sisters, Della, Bertha and Belle; and a half brother, Willard Conley.

Visitation will be Saturday, October 9, 2010, from 3-7 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St.t, Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Sunday, October 10, 2010, at 11 a.m. at Salem United Baptist Church on S.R. 9, just south of Rome City.

Officiating the funeral service will be the Rev. Billy Ray Tuttle.

Burial will be at Orange Cemetery in Rome City.

Preferred memorials may be made to Salem United Baptist Church.

Send a condolence to the family or view a video tribute of Grace by Saturday at [www.hitefuneralhome.com](http://www.hitefuneralhome.com)

### Ralph Slone

KENDALLVILLE — Ralph Elliot Slone was stillborn at 4:46 a.m. Wednesday, October 6, 2010, in Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville, to Shane Slone and Rachel Rhoades of Kendallville.

Also surviving are a sister, Rylie Brenn Osburn of Kendallville; a brother, Gage Godsey of Kendallville; maternal grandfather, Richard and Deb Rhoades of Kendallville; maternal grandmother, Nan and Brent Eminger of Kendallville; maternal great-grandmother, Bonnie Bloomer of Wolcottville; and paternal grandmother, Nancy and Andy McPherson of Rome City.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Ralph Slone, and his maternal great-grandfather, Cotton Combs.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Harbor of Love Baptist Church, 2353 S. Lima Road, Kendallville, with Pastor Charlie Mosley officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be one hour prior to services at the church.

Memorials are to the family.

Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be send to the family at [www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com)

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### **Cletus Lee**

SYRACUSE — Cletus A. Lee, 88, of Syracuse died Tuesday, Oct. 5, 2010, at Goshen General Hospital in Goshen.

Mr. Lee had lived most of his life in Kosciusko and Noble counties. He had attended Syracuse schools.

He was a lifetime area farmer.

He was a member of Clearview United Brethren Church in Goshen.

He was born May 20, 1922, in Paulding County, Ohio, to Phillip and Elsie (Ash) Lee. He married Jeannette L. (LeCount) Cripe on Jan. 14, 1984, in Syracuse. She survives.

Also surviving are two stepdaughters and their spouses, Cherylle and Hubert Schmucker of Goshen and Julia and Steve Mynhier of Wawaka; a stepson and his wife, Kirby and Linda Cripe of Syracuse; six stepgrandchildren; 13 stepgreat-grandchildren; a sister, Delores Torok of Jeffersonville; and a brother, Virgil Lee of Bristol.

He was preceded by his parents; and five siblings, brothers Kenneth, Owen and Dale Lee, and an infant brother and sister.

Memorial services will be at 3 p.m. Sunday at the Clearview United Brethren Church, 67622 U.S. 33, Goshen, with the Rev. Hubert Schmucker of the church officiating.

Private family burial services were held in the Syracuse Cemetery.

Memorials are to Clearview United Brethren Church, 67622 U.S. 33, Goshen, IN 46526.

Owen Family Funeral Home in Syracuse is in charge of all arrangements.

To send condolences to the family visit [www.owenfamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.owenfamilyfuneralhome.com)

### **Gailanna Knox**

BUTLER — Gailanna J. Knox, 87, died Thursday, Oct. 7, 2010.

Arrangements are pending at H. E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler.

### **Norman Gerig**

AUBURN — Former State Rep. Norman L. Gerig, 86, died October 7, 2010 at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn. Arrangements are pending at Feller and Clark Funeral of Auburn.

### **Former state representative dies**

AUBURN — Norman Gerig, 86, a former state representative and DeKalb County Clerk, died Thursday at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Gerig served as DeKalb County Clerk from 1969-1976. He won election to the Indiana House of Representatives in 1976 and was re-elected three times before retiring in 1984.

Gerig represented DeKalb and Steuben counties in the legislature. He rose to become the ranking member of the powerful House Ways and Means Committee. He said he worked to reduce government red tape and waste.

“He represents the very best as an effective officeholder,” DeKalb County Councilman Robert Wilder of St. Joe said Thursday night. “He had very high personal standards.”

In his campaign for county clerk, “Norm Gerig ran against a very popular, well-known incumbent and won in 1968. It was a surprise to a lot of people,” Wilder said.



**Gerig**

### **Levi Bontrager**

MIDDLEBURY — Levi J. “Lee” Bontrager, 87, of Joplin, Mo., and formerly of Shipshewana died Wednesday, Oct. 6, 2010, at Spring River Christian Village in Joplin.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the First Mennonite Church in Middlebury. Burial will be in Shore Cemetery in Shipshewana.

Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. Sunday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.



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**Norman Gerig**

AUBURN — Norman L. Gerig, of Auburn, passed to be with the Lord on October 7, 2010.

Norman was born November 2, 1924. He was raised in

Woodburn, Indiana, by his parents, Elmer and

Mary Gerig who preceded him in death. He married Mary Lou Williamson on January 6, 1946. She preceded him in death on November 25, 1993. He was also preceded in death by his natural birth mother Mildred Rimell, a brother, Bill Rimell, and a sister, Beverly Rourke.

Three children survive: Kathleen and Stephen Bowman of Temecula, California, Gail Bratton of Richmond, Indiana, and Mike and Kathleen Gerig of Auburn. There are nine grandchildren and their spouses and three great-grandsons. A sister, Janice Delagrange, lives in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Norman was a lifelong farmer, he drove a school bus for DeKalb Central Schools, was an auctioneer, two-term DeKalb County Clerk, a member of the Indiana House of Representatives for two terms and worked for the Indiana State Bureau of Motor Vehicles before retiring. In retirement, Norm was a two-term member of the Auburn City Council and worked at McCullough Services.



**Mr. Gerig**

A member of County Line Church of God since 1952, Norm served in numerous lay positions as a Sunday school teacher, a member of the Board of Trustees, the pulpit committee and a number of building committees.

He served on the Board of Directors at the DeKalb Financial Credit Union. He was a precinct committee person. He was a 50-year member of the Lions Club and a Melvin Jones Fellow. Norman was a recipient of the Sagamore of the Wabash, which he received for his public service to the State of Indiana. He also was a member of the Gideons of DeKalb County and a past president of the DeKalb County Fair Board.

A celebration of his life will take place from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday, October 10, 2010, at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, Ind.

A funeral at County Line Church of God will be Monday, October 11, 2010, at 11 a.m., with calling at the church starting at 10 a.m. The Rev. Al Black and the Rev. Stuart Kruse will be officiating, with burial at Woodlawn Cemetery in

Auburn, Indiana. Honoring Norm as pallbearers will be David Bowman, Matthew Bratton, Adam Gerig, Rick Fuller, Greg Weller, Rich Myers, Mike Boswell and Steve Foley.

Preferred memorials are to the County Line Church of God or Gideons International.

To view an obituary online or send condolences visit [fellerandclark.com](http://fellerandclark.com)

**Annette Tjon-Buschman**

FORT WAYNE — Annette I. Tjon-Buschman, 36, of Fort Wayne, died Thursday, October 7, 2010, at her home.

Born February 12, 1974, in Fresno, California, she was a scheduling assistant at Fort Wayne Cardiology.



**Mrs. Tjon-Buschman**

She is survived by her husband, Gary Buschman of Fort Wayne; a son, Evan Buschman of Fort Wayne; her mother, Joyce Tjon, of Fresno, California; her father and stepmother, David and Gail Tjon of Garrett; a brother and sister-in-law, Mike and Amy Tjon of Avilla; a stepbrother, Fletcher Askin of Avilla; and a niece Abby Tjon.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Pinnington McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Visitation will be Monday from 4-8 p.m. and also one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials are to the Evan Buschman Education Fund in care of Gary Buschman or to the American Cancer Society.

To sign the guest book or to send a sympathy card, visit [www.pinningtonmccomb.com](http://www.pinningtonmccomb.com)

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**Gailanna Knox**

AUBURN — Gailanna June Knox departed this life Thursday, October 7, 2010, at age 87.

She was born on June 4, 1923, in DeKalb County to



**Mrs. Knox**

Floyd J. and Daisy Belle (Schreckenghaust) Zeisloft. She was married 55 years to her, high school sweetheart, Billy G. Knox, who preceded her in death on May 16, 1999.

She was a top student at Butler High School and worked at Rieke's after graduation.

Alongside Bill, she was an agricultural entrepreneur and a devoted and loved mother. Gailanna avidly followed her sons and grandchildren in all their sports activities.

She was a member of Norris Chapel United Methodist Church, the Jerusalem Ladies Aid Society and an active community volunteer.

She is survived by her two sons, Noel (Maggie Mulligan) Knox of Fort Wayne and Neal (Beverly) Knox of Angola; three siblings, Evelyn Zabel of Auburn, Thornton Zeisloft of Auburn, and Zwanda Helmick of Maryland. Also surviving are six grandchildren and their spouses; Thane (Kylie) Knox of Angola, Tyson (Brittany) Knox of Angola, Trenton (Becky) Knox of Angola, Taryn Knox of Fort Wayne, Benjamin Knox of California, and Liam Knox of Fort Wayne; and five great-grandchildren, Joel, Avery, Niles, Ryker, and Brynlee Knox. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Bill, and brother Z. Z. Zeisloft.

**Lillian Lang**

LIGONIER — Lillian "Mindy" Lang, 64, of Ligonier died Thursday, Oct. 7, 2010, at Goshen General Hospital.

Services are Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, Larry Baker officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Calling is Tuesday 2-4 and 6-8 p.m.

**Mary Roberts**

ANGOLA — Mary Jane Roberts, 85, of Angola died Thursday, Oct. 7, 2010, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mrs. Roberts had been the owner and operator of the Brokaw Theatre in Angola. She retired in 1995.

She was born Nov. 22, 1924, in Angola to Oliver C. and Nellie (Bunker) Rose. She married Merwin Roberts and he preceded her in death.

Surviving are two sons, Terry Roberts of Angola and Todd Roberts of Sand Springs, Okla.; a daughter, Toni Roberts of Angola; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola with Chaplain Ken Weaver officiating.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the service.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Association, P.O. Box 28, Angola, IN 46703.

Sign the guestbook at [www.weichtfh.com](http://www.weichtfh.com)

Funeral services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at H. E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home of Butler, with Pastor Susan Smith Bryden officiating. Burial will follow at the Butler Cemetery.

Visitation will be Sunday afternoon from 2-6 p.m. at H. E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home.

Preferred memorials are to Norris Chapel United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent and a video tribute viewed at [www.hejohnsonfh.com](http://www.hejohnsonfh.com)



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**Mary Temple**

PERU — Mary L. Temple passed away at 6:03 p.m., Wednesday, October 6, 2010, in her Peru home.

She was born in Peru, Indiana, on March 6, 1936, to Mary Edith Weigel and James

Lyman Keyes. She was married on December 27, 1958 to her loving husband of 51 years, Terry B. Temple, and he survives.

Mary graduated from Peru High School with her beloved class of 1954. In 1958, she graduated from Indiana University with a Bachelor of Science degree in education, and was an active member and pledge trainer of Pi Beta Phi Sorority.

Following college, Mary returned to Peru and taught third grade at Lincoln School. She later taught first grade at Central School where she had attended as a child.

Mary was a more than 60-year member of the First Presbyterian Church where she served as a deacon as well as other capacities, and taught junior high Sunday school for over 17 years.

She was also very active with the junior high and senior high Youth Group who, among various activities, would camp out with their families and youth leaders at Lake James, Indiana, each summer en route to Cedar Point.



**Mrs. Temple**

While serving on the board of Gateway Center (now Bona Vista), the need arose for a Christian Outreach for some of the clients who had lost loved ones. The Presbyterian Church and several other churches joined in the request to establish a volunteer, one hour, once a week time of learning, singing, art activities, etc.

The clients dubbed the volunteers the Carebears. Mary served actively in the program which was in place several years until it became Bona Vista.

Mary also joined the CASA program as a guardian ad litem, serving more than seven years. It is a court appointed volunteer support program for youth needing help with the system.

Mary was a local member of Kappa Kappa Kappa Sorority, and a longtime member of Animal Kindness, Inc. in the days when they took animals around to the local schools.

Survivors, besides her husband, include a daughter, Elizabeth Anne Yager, Apex, N.C.; sons, James Robert Temple, Peru, Ind., and James Michael Temple and wife, Janine, Angola, Ind.,

and four grandchildren, Jordan Ashley and James Wyatt Temple and John Robert and Joshua Michael Yager.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two much beloved brothers, James L. Keyes Jr. and Dr. Robert C. Keyes.

A service of celebration of life will be held at the First Presbyterian Church, 102 W. Main St., Peru, Ind., on Monday, October 11, 2010, at 11 a.m. with Pastor Larry Moslener officiating.

Visitation time with the family will be on Sunday, October 10, 2010, also at the First Presbyterian Church from 2-5 p.m.

Memorial donations may be made through the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home in Peru to the First Presbyterian Church or to the Miami County Helping Hands.

Condolences may be made at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com)

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**Kirk Bolen**

AUBURN — Kirk M. Bolen, 43, died Thursday, October 7, 2010, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Bolen was a supervisor at Foamex in Auburn.

He was born Nov. 11, 1966, in Auburn to Larry L. and Cindy (May) Bolen and they survive in Auburn.

He is also survived by his two children, Taylor Bolen of San Jose, Calif., and Jacob Bolen at home in Auburn; a sister, Ginger Bolen of San Jose, Calif.; and his grandparents, Edward May of Auburn and Orville and Betty Bolen of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Curtis Bolen, and a grandmother, Meridith May.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn.

Private family graveside service will be held Monday at Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Preferred memorials are to the Make a Wish Foundation.

To view an obituary online or send condolences visit [fellerandclark.com](http://fellerandclark.com)

**Dolly Auck**

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Dolly M. Auck, 98, died Thursday, Oct. 7, 2010, at Hickory Creek of Hicksville.

She was born on June 21, 1921, in Reed Township to Elmer and Nellie (Wolford) Moyer.

Mrs. Auck was a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church, the United Methodist Women and the Ladies Aid.

She is survived by two daughters, Bernice Ream of Hicksville and Mary Turner; a son, Bill Auck; 20 grandchildren; numerous great- and great-great grandchildren; and two sisters, Lydia Cole of Toledo and Nina DeVore of Temperance, Mich.

She was preceded in death by three husbands, Hagar Arnett, Garrett Lee and Calvin Auck; three sons, Donald Arnett Sr, Jack Arnett and Buddy Arnett; three grandchildren; one great-grandchild; four sisters; and five brothers.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Smith and Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, with the Rev. Jim Spears officiating. Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Saturday and one hour prior to the service Sunday at the funeral home. Memorials are to the family.

Send online condolences to [www.smithbrownfuneralhome.com](http://www.smithbrownfuneralhome.com)



# Farren lived every day fully

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**GARRETT** — She sought to make a difference wherever she was and lived by the motto: "Never say anything you can't take back."

Kimberly Temple Farren, 51, of Garrett died on Friday, Sept. 10, 2010.

She was employed as the clerk-treasurer of Kendallville for 17 years, went on to work at the LaGrange County prosecutor's office for about two years, and was Garrett's deputy clerk-treasurer before her death.

"She was the best mother ever," said her son, Dustin. "She led by example for us to be outstanding persons, and supported my sister and I in whatever we wanted to do. She was always there for us."

Pastor Scott Pattison of Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville described Farren as a classy, intelligent woman who was strong, vibrant and beautiful inside and out. She had a great sense of humor and loved to laugh.

"She was someone who was admired by all for her integrity, wit, true grit and stick-with-it-ness in all she endeavored," he said.

Former Kendallville mayor Larry McGahen worked with Farren for nine years when he was Kendallville fire chief and eight more years as mayor.

"Kim was very knowledgeable at her job and made it easier for all who worked with her," he commented. He described how she prepared city budgets and managed the clerk's office.

"Most of all, I considered Kim a friend, and she will be greatly missed by friends and family alike," McGahen said.

Farren graduated from East Noble High School in 1977 and attended Ivy Tech the past few years.

She enjoyed landscaping and taking care of things around her house. She loved to read and spend



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**Kim Farren at work as Kendallville's clerk-treasurer.**

time and create memories with her family and friends. She prayed daily for her family and friends, and she prayed for herself, according to Pattison. One of her prayers was a prayer for protection:

"God take away to the appropriate place anything harmful or negative that has been directed or attached to me, so it will never again influence me or anyone I know or ever will know. Protect me from anything harmful or negative from ever attaching or influencing me again. Fill me with your heavenly light and the Holy Spirit so only you can influence of touch me."

She married Mark Farren on Aug. 28, 2010, and they enjoyed riding their Harley-Davidson motorcycle.

At her funeral her brother, Kirk Temple, described his sister's life like a motorcycle ride: "When you start, you have many miles to go.

You have many sights to see, and many people to meet along the way. When the ride is over, you have come many miles on your ride. You have seen a lot of sights along the way. You have made a lot of good friends and many memories. You have cleared your mind of things that have troubled you. Now it is time to go home."

Pattison recalled a poem appropriate for how Farren lived her life: "The headstone on your grave has two dates you no have control over, the date of birth and the date of death. The dash that connects them represents all that happens between those dates — your lives. That is what you have absolute control over. Live your dash."

"Kim embraced life and lived every day to the fullest," he said.

Farren is buried in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

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**Lillian Lang**

CROMWELL — Lillian "Mindy" Lang, 64, of Cromwell, passed away unexpectedly Oct. 7, 2010, at 4:53 p.m. at Goshen General Hospital.

She was born Sept. 2, 1946, in Canebrake, W. Va. to George and Alice (Webb) Baker. On Dec. 24, 1967, she married William L. Lang Jr. He preceded her in death in December 2008.

In 1965, she moved to the area from West Virginia. She retired from Silgan Plastics after 36 years of service. She was an avid reader who enjoyed sewing and above all spending time with her family whom she loved dearly.

Survivors are one son, Eric (Stacey) Lang of Ligonier; one daughter, Jeannie Lang of Cromwell; two grandchildren, Chastin and Jacob Lang of Ligonier; and three brothers and two sisters.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, one sister, Kathy Ball; and one son, Michael Lang in 1969.

Funeral services for Mrs. Lang will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 13, at the Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, with celebrant Larry Baker officiating. Burial will be in the Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Visitation will be Tuesday, Oct. 12, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the Yeager Funeral Home.



**Mrs. Lang**

**Preston West**

GARRETT — Infant Preston David West, of Garrett, died Friday, Oct. 8, 2010, at Dupont Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Funeral services will be Wednesday 11 a.m. with calling one hour prior at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

**Valeria Carteaux**

FORT WAYNE — Valeria Carteaux, 77, died July 29, 2010 in Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

A memorial service will be held Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at the Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne.

Burial will be in the Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne, following the memorial service.

Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Joseph's Indian School, Chamberlain, S.D. 57326.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.yeagerfuneralhome.com](http://www.yeagerfuneralhome.com)

**Millie Eicher**

TOPEKA — Millie A. Eicher, 87, of Topeka died at 2:15 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 8, 2010.

She was born on Nov. 26, 1922, in Yoder, Kansas, to Andrew I. and Katie (Bontrager) Chupp. On September 26, 1946, in Shipshewana she married John S. Eicher. He died July 23, 2009.

Surviving are four sisters, Dema (John) Mishler of Bridgeville, Del., Ann Yoder of Moses Lake, Wash., Katie (Paul) Swartzentruber of Kaloma, Iowa, and Emma D. Chupp of Goshen; and a brother, Andrew (Dema) Chupp of Dayton, Ore..

She was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers, Levi, Benjamin, and Issac Chupp, and three sisters, Lizzie Jones, Mattie Schrock and Drucilla Chupp.

Visitation will be after 2 p.m. today and all day Monday at the Orva E. Lehman Home, 3755 W. 500 S. Topeka.

Funeral services will be at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, also at the Orva Lehman home. Services will be conducted by Bishop LeRoy Troyer. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery, LaGrange.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be sent at [millerstewartfuneralhome.com](http://millerstewartfuneralhome.com)



**THE NEWS SUN**  
**Kendallville, IN**  
**October 10, 2010, Sunday**

### **Helen Chokey**

LIGONIER — Helen C. Chokey, age 84, of Pahoa, Hawaii, and formerly of Syracuse, Ind., passed away at Hilo Medical Center in Hilo, Hawaii on Sunday, October 3, 2010.

Helen was born on January 29, 1926, to James and Cora Rosenogle in Noble County and was a 1944 graduate of Cromwell High School.

She married Thomas Jackson in 1949. He passed away in 1976. She then married Edward "Dutch"

Kline in 1976. He passed away in 1982. In 1985, she married Russell Chokey of Syracuse. He passed away in 1994.

Helen retired from Dana Corporation of Syracuse on January 1, 1987, with 35 years of service. She was a member of the Dana Retirement Association.

Mrs. Chokey is survived by one son, Michael Jackson of Pahoa, Hawaii; one grandson; two great-grandchildren; and one brother, John Rosenogle of Wawaka.

She was preceded in death by her parents and five brothers.

A funeral service will be held in Mrs. Chokey's honor on Saturday, October 16, 2010, at 1 p.m. at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, Ind., with celebrant Larry Baker officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell, Ind.

There will be a time of visitation from noon to 1 p.m. prior to the funeral service.



**Mrs. Chokey**

### **Donald VanZuilen**

STURGIS, Mich. — Donald H. VanZuilen, 75, died Oct. 8, 2010, at his home in Sturgis, Mich., of natural causes.

He was born to Henry and Emily (Brauneis) VanZuilen, Oct. 12, 1934, in Chicago, Ill. On June 18, 1954, he married Darlene Wagner in Leitersford.

He graduated from Scott High School, Scott, earned a bachelor's degree from Purdue University in 1955, and a master's degree from Purdue and the University of Michigan.

Mr. VanZuilen was a

physics and math teacher at Glen Oaks Community College and retired in 1996. He previously taught at Howe Military and Butler High School.

He was a member of the NEA, Retired Teachers Association, Howe Lions Club, St. Joseph County Grange Fair Board and the Nottawa Township zoning and planning boards.

Survivors include his wife, Darlene VanZuilen of Sturgis; daughter, Kathy Bahr of Angola; sons, Kevin (Cathy) VanZuilen of Fort Wayne and David (Pamela) VanZuilen of Fremont; two grandsons; sisters Dorothy Herring of Goshen, June (Frank) Hostettler of Middlebury and Darlene (Leland) DePue of Middlebury; and sister-in-law, Evelyn Williams of LaPorte.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother in childhood.

A memorial service will be held Monday at 11 a.m. at the Centreville United Methodist Church. Burial will follow the service at the Nottawa Township Cemetery.

Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the Eley Funeral Home, 235 W. Burr Oak St., Centreville, Mich.

Memorial contributions are to the charity of the donor's choice.

The Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier is assisting the family with arrangements.

Online Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.yeagerfuneralhome.com](http://www.yeagerfuneralhome.com)

THE NEWS SUN  
Kendallville, IN  
October 10, 2010, Sunday

### **Calvin Hull**

GARRETT — Calvin A. Hull, 83, of Garrett died Friday, Oct. 8, 2010, at Provena Sacred Heart in Avilla.

He was born in St. Joe to the late Harvey and Parlia (Nichols) Hull on Dec. 25, 1926.

Starting in 1944, he was employed by the B & O Railroad. He served in World War II with the Army Air Force as a cryptographer in the Philippine Islands. In 1948 he married Joan R. Smith in Waterloo. The couple moved to Sherwood, Ohio, where Calvin worked in the tower until 1966, when he moved his family to Garrett working in the depot as a clerk until his retirement in 1985.

His interests included camping, fishing, gardening and woodworking. He was a member of the Garrett United Methodist Church, the Guesters Class and was a Boy Scout Leader in Sherwood and Troop 178 in Garrett.

Survivors include his wife, Joan Hull; children, Cynthia (Terry) Jackman of Summerville, S.C., Ronald (Margie) Hull of Indianapolis, Dennis (Gail) Hull of Mount Joy, Pa., Kevin (Renee) Hull of Garrett and Neal Hull of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 14, 2010, at Feller and Clark

Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with Dr. Scott Shoaff officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, St. Joe.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the Garrett United Methodist Church or Boy Scout Troop 178, Garrett. To view an obituary online or send condolences, visit [fellerandclark.com](http://fellerandclark.com)



**THE NEWS SUN**  
**Kendallville, IN**  
**October 11, 2010, Monday**

## Carole Sweeney

KENDALLVILLE — Carole Ann Sweeney, 62, of Kendallville died on Saturday, October 9, 2010, at her home.

Ms. Sweeney was born in Fort Wayne on August 19, 1947 to Richmond and Mildred Sweeney. She graduated from Fort Wayne Northside High School in 1965.



**Ms. Sweeney**

Ms. Sweeney worked at Kraft in Kendallville for 28 years, retiring in 1994. She liked to listen to music, watch movies, read books and put together puzzles. Carole also love spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

Survivors include two daughters, Lorraine Nelson and her partner Ken Schlotter of Wawaka, and Honnalori "Hollie" Mozena and her partner, Darin Alligood of Rome City; one son, Shayne "Buzz" and Connie Mozena of Kendallville; one adopted son, David Meyer of Albion; seven grandchildren, Joshua Nelson, Thomas J. Nelson, Kayla Wheeler, Serena Wheeler, JoAnna MaeLee Alligood, Dirk Meyer and Lilly Meyer; one sister, Judie and Jim Schnitker of The Villages, Florida; one brother, Richard and Martha Sweeney of Grabill; and longtime friends Bud and Nancy Munk of Albion.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her longtime friend, Don Meyer.

## Max Greenwalt

HOWE — Max B. Greenwalt, 92, of Howe died Saturday, October 9, 2010, at his residence.

Living most of his lifetime in LaGrange County, he had been a farmer. Mr. Greenwalt



**Mr. Greenwalt**

was a school bus driver for 35 years for Brighton School and Lakeland School Corporation. He had also worked for Linton Musical Industries in Elkhart, Ind., and was an amateur magician.

Mr. Greenwalt was a member of the Pretty Prairie Methodist Church in Howe, where he was active and also was the longest attending member.

He was born on July 27, 1918, in Goshen to Leland B. and Alma D. (Bontrager) Greenwalt. On June 20, 1943, in Sturgis, Mich., he married Elizabeth A. Hafer; Mrs. Greenwalt survives in Howe.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Julie Greenwalt and Bill Huggins of Palm Harbor, Fla., Rhoda and Robert Church of Pace, Fla., and Paula and Paul Justice of Howe; two sons and daughters-in-law, Stuart and Pamela Greenwalt of Carlsbad, Calif., and Leslie and Jamie Greenwalt of Ashville, N.C.; seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Eugene Greenawalt of Kalamazoo, Mich., and Lynn Greenwalt of Florida.

Preceding him in death were his parents and a son, Sidney Greenwalt.

Private graveside services will be held at Pretty Prairie Cemetery in Howe with the Rev. Dewey Miller officiating.

Memorials may be made to Pretty Prairie United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 206, Howe, IN.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is handling the arrangements.

Condolences may be left for the family at [www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com](http://www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com).

Receiving of friends will be Wednesday, October 13, 2010, from 6-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Burial will be at Odd Fellows Cemetery in New Haven.

Preferred memorials may be made to American Cancer Society.

Send a condolence to the family at [www.hitefuneralhome.com](http://www.hitefuneralhome.com)

## Halloween Help



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Pictured are Kurt and Nanette Meyer with their children, from left, Sam, Hailey and Jackson. Kurt Meyer died unexpectedly Sept. 15. A benefit on

Oct. 23 will be held to benefit the Meyer family and the family of Jordan Duehmig, a firefighter injured in an automobile crash on May 11.

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# Halloween event to benefit two Noble County families

KENDALLVILLE —A 'scare' for those who care.

A pulled-pork dinner, a guided Haunted Halloween Walk through the woods, live band, carnival games and kid's activities, a silent auction and a costume contest are some of the activities that will take place Saturday, Oct. 23 at the home of Rosie Miller, just north of Kendallville.

Miller has been hosting the Haunted Halloween Walk at her home for the last several years to support charitable organizations in the community. She said this year's event will be bigger and better than ever.

"We've added lots of new activities so that we can raise lots of money this year to support two very special families in need," Miller said.

"This year's beneficiaries are Jordan Duehmig, an Avilla firefighter who received burns on over 63 percent of his body following an automobile accident (on May 11), and the Kurt Meyer family.

"Kurt recently passed away, leaving behind wife, Nan, and three young children.

"The benefit will help pay for Jordan's extensive medical expenses, and will help the Meyer family with funeral expenses, as well as the cost of raising the



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## Jordan Duehmig

children."

Kurt Meyer died on Sept. 15.

All proceeds from the event will be divided equally between the two families.

Kid's activities, including carnival games, face painting, a bounce house, make-your-own caramel apples, live music and free popcorn will begin at 4 p.m.

Food will be served from 4-8 p.m. or until gone, and will include a pulled pork sandwich or hot dog, baked beans, chips and a drink for \$5.

A costume contest will be held at 6:45 p.m. for both youth and adults.

The guided Halloween Walk will begin at dark (around 7 p.m.) for \$5 per person, or \$20 per family. Children ages 5 and under

are free.

The walk is considered by many to be one of the best spooky Halloween events in the area, and may not be suitable for very young children.

A professional photographer will be on hand throughout the day to take spooky photos.

The band Last Call will provide music from 8-11 p.m.

There will also be a silent auction which will include items such as signed Brad Miller memorabilia, various gift baskets and gift certificates, Colts tickets, Vera Bradley items, and more. In addition, there will be a bake sale and a raffle, as well as 50/50 drawings at 6, 8 and 10 p.m. Raffle tickets may be purchased in advance by calling 318-0001. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20, and prizes include a flight for two from Kendallville to South Haven, Mich., for dinner, a glider ride, a Brad Miller signed jersey, and a hand-made log-style Adirondack chair.

The Miller home is located at 11700 N. C.R. 850E, Kendallville.

For more information, or to volunteer to help or make a donation, call Kristen at 318-0001.

**THIS STORY** was posted at [thenewssunonline.com](http://thenewssunonline.com) at 2 p.m. Monday.

**THE NEWS SUN**  
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October 12, 2010, Tuesday

**Marjorie Longfellow**

ELKHART — Marjorie J. "Midge" Longfellow, 79, of Elkhart died at 9:10 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 10, 2010, in Southfield Village in South Bend.

Mrs. Longfellow was employed by Century 21 Landmark Realty until her illness.

She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Elkhart.

She was born October 11, 1930, in Vienna, Ill., to Dorris T. and Geneva G. (Rose) Bost. She married Edward E. Longfellow April 5, 1949, in Henderson, Ky. He died Dec. 26, 1993.

Surviving are two daughters, Cathie (Stanley) Szklarek of South Bend and Jenny Longfellow of Shipshewana; a son, Steven (Janeen) Longfellow of Kendallville; four grandchildren; one great-grandson; and one sister, Doris Ann Mitchell of Elkhart.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Hartzler-Guterman-Inman Funeral Home, 403 W. Franklin St., Elkhart, with the Rev. Rondal Bowman of Trinity United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Rice Cemetery.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the service Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to National Parkinson Foundation or the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care.



**Mrs.  
Longfellow**

**Anna Hughes**

CINCINNATI — Anna C. (Kammerer) Hughes, 86, of Cincinnati, died Saturday, October 9, 2010, in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Services will be at noon Friday, Oct. 15, 2010, at Saint Paul Lutheran Church, 5433 Madison Rd., Cincinnati, Ohio 45227. Calling will be from 11 a.m. to noon at the church.

Burial will be in Greenland Cemetery, Milford, Ohio.

**Rebecca Reas**

AUBURN — Rebecca J. (Wilson) Reas, 86, of Auburn died Sunday, Oct. 10, 2010, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation in Angola.

Mrs. Reas worked for Essex Wire in Auburn for 10 years, retiring in 1980.

She attended Coburn Corners Church of Christ in Spencerville.

Mrs. Reas was a member of the Grandmother's Club in Englewood, Fla.

She was born on July 17, 1923, in Wilmington Township, DeKalb County, to Hubert and Esta (Keller) Wilson. She married Walter D. Reas on Dec. 21, 1940, in the Butler United Methodist Church. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, James and Connie Reas of Pleasant Lake and Randy Reas of Denver, Colo.; a son-in-law, Steve Mills of Lafayette; a sister, Evelyn Adams of Miami, Fla.; 10 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Carolyn Mills; three brothers, Keith Wilson, Lloyd Wilson, and Lewis Wilson; and one grandson.

There will be no services at this time. A memorial service will take place at a later date.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home in Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit [www.fellerandclark.com](http://www.fellerandclark.com)



THE NEWS SUN  
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October 12, 2010, Tuesday

**Katie Yoder**

SHIPSHEWANA —  
Katie H. Yoder, 87, of  
Shipshewana died Monday,  
Oct. 11, 2010, at the Lloyd  
Miller residence near  
Topeka.

Mrs. Yoder was a  
homemaker.

She was a member of the  
Old Order Amish Church.

She was born Sept. 9,  
1923, in LaGrange County  
to Henry S. and Lydia  
(Troyer) Frye. She married  
William L. Yoder on Nov. 9,  
1944. Mr. Yoder died Nov.  
19, 1994.

Surviving are five sons,  
Stanley (Mary Etta) Yoder of  
Goshen, and LeRoy (Linda)  
Yoder, Larry (Irma) Yoder,  
Gerald (Mary) Yoder and  
Willie (Ruth) Yoder, all of  
Shipshewana; 12 daughters,  
Trevia (Lewis) Diener of  
Arcola, Ill., LaVerda (Orva)  
Miller, Esther (David)  
Miller, Edna (Lloyd) Miller,  
Barbara (Calvin) Mast and  
Linda (LeRoy) Fry all of  
Topeka, LeEtta (Dan Jr.)  
Borntrager of Millersburg,  
and Ruby (Nelson) Graber,  
Ruth (Larry) Lambright,  
LaVera (Herb) Borkholder,  
Mary (Bill) Miller and Kate  
(Ray) Miller all of Shipshe-  
wana; 99 grandchildren; 11  
stepgrandchildren; 140  
great-grandchildren; three  
brothers, Noah (Mary) Frye  
and Calvin Frye, both of  
Middlebury, and Sam  
(Nancy) Frye of Florida;  
three sisters, Susan (Levi)  
Yoder of Shipshewana, Edna  
(Freeman) Miller of Millers-  
burg and Ella (Elmer)  
Wingard of Topeka; and a  
sister-in-law, Elsie Frve.

She was preceded in  
death by her parents; a son,  
Jay Dee Yoder; three  
grandchildren; one great-  
grandson; two brothers, Joas  
and Elvie Frye; and a son-  
in-law, Joe Detweiler.

Visitation will be after 2  
p.m. today and all day  
Wednesday at the Raymond  
Miller residence, 3930 N.  
C.R. 500W, Shipshewana.

Funeral services will be  
at 9:30 a.m. Thursday also at  
the Raymond Miller  
residence. Services will be  
conducted by Bishop Jacob  
Jones and the home  
ministers. Burial will be in  
East Barren Cemetery,  
Shipshewana.

Miller-Stewart Funeral  
Home in Middlebury is in  
charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may  
be sent at millerstewart  
funeralhome.com

**THE NEWS SUN**  
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October 13, 2010, Wednesday

## **Nathan Wilcox**

**KENDALLVILLE**—Nathan Ray Wilcox, age 31, of Kendallville died on Monday, October 11, 2010, at his home.

Nathan was born at McCray Hospital in Kendallville on September 6, 1979, to



**Mr. Wilcox**

Jerry Eugene Stanley and Faye (Lewis) Martin.

He married Lashonda Lynn Handshoe Wilcox on May 10, 1996, in Albion.

In the past, Nathan worked 10 years at Reliable Tool.

He loved his family and lived to race go carts with his boys. He would spend time building bicycles from scratch for his sons and he enjoyed working around the house and doing repairs. Nathan also loved to draw.

Survivors include his wife, Lashonda Lynn Wilcox of Kendallville; his three children, a daughter, Christina Faye Wilcox, and his two sons, Allen Wayne Wilcox and Skyler David Wilcox, all of them living at home in Kendallville; his mother, Faye Martin of Kendallville; his father, Jerry Eugene Stanley of Roanoke, Virginia; a sister, Chasity Ann and Shawn Kilburn of Kendallville; a brother, Jonathan Ryan and Mindy Lynn Wilcox of Auburn; his paternal grandmother, Mable Carter of Roanoke, Virginia; his mother and father-in-law, Lois and David Handshoe of Kendallville; and his grandmother-in-law, Flora Handshoe of Kendallville.

## **David Morse**

**GARRETT** — David R. Morse, 56, of Garrett died Sunday, Oct. 10, 2010, at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.

There will be no services conducted at this time.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home in Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

## **Alden Owens**

**ASHLEY** — Alden Owens, 70, of Ashley died Tuesday, Oct. 12, 2010, in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Among his survivors are his wife, Reva (Boggs) Owens.

Funeral services will be Friday at 2 p.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, S.R. 9 North, Wolcottville.

Calling will be from 3-7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

A full obituary will appear in Thursday's edition.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandmother and grandfather, Irene Belcher and

Raymond Lewis, and his paternal grandfather, "Buck" Stanley.

Visitation will be Thursday, October 14, 2010, anytime after 3 p.m. at the Independent Baptist Church in South Milford, with evening services at 7 p.m.

Funeral services will be Friday, October 15, 2010, at 11 a.m. at the church.

Officiating the funeral services will be the Rev. Earl Bolen and the Rev. Willie Collins.

Burial will be at Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Preferred memorials may be made to family.

Send a condolence to the family or view a video tribute of Nathan by Thursday at [www.hitefuneralhome.com](http://www.hitefuneralhome.com)



### **Howard Miller**

AUBURN — Howard J. Miller, 96, of Auburn died Monday, Oct. 11, 2010, at his home in Smith Farms Manor.

Mr. Miller worked at Warner Gear for 40 years, retiring in 1981.

He was a member of the Auburn Church of the Nazarene.

Mr. Miller was born May 12, 1914, in DeKalb County to Benjamin and Gladys Miller.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, G. and Robert J. Edwards M.D. of Auburn and Nina and Hugh Callison of Katy, Texas; a son and daughter-in-law, George and Carolyn Miller of Auburn; nine grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Margery L. Miller.

Private family services will be held.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials are to Youth For Christ or Saint Martin's Healthcare.

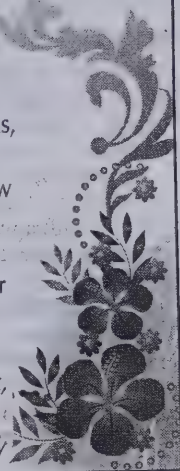
Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

To sign the online guest book, visit [www.pinningtonmccomb.com](http://www.pinningtonmccomb.com)

### *The Family of Joan Shippy*

would like to thank everyone for their cards, prayers and support during Joan's illness and death. A special thank you to Parkview Noble Hospice staff, Trinity United Methodist congregation and staff at Hite Funeral Home. Words cannot express our appreciation for your special care.

*Donald Shippy, Marcia and Wendell Fritz,  
Melinda and Kevin Hamman, Bob and  
Cyndi Shippy, Don, Jr. and Nancy Shippy*



**ALBION NEW ERA**  
Albion, IN  
October 13, 2010, Wednesday

**Laura M. Beard, 33**

Laura M. Beard, 33, of Auburn died Sunday, Oct. 3, 2010, shortly after admittance to DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Miss Beard was a production worker and most recently worked at Boshe Automotive in Albion.

She was born July 24, 1977, in DeKalb County, Ind., to Ronald D. and Martha J. (Kagey) Beard, who preceded her in death. Surviving are a sister, Alicia (Michael) Graves, of Spencerville; a brother, Tim (Tara) Beard of Lexington, S.C.; and six nephews and nieces.

Celebration of life services were Sunday in the Coburn Corners Church of Christ.

Private interment took place in Maple Grove Cemetery, Edgerton.

Memorials are to the family for expenses.

Condolences may be sent to and the online register may be signed at [www.krillfuneralservice.com](http://www.krillfuneralservice.com).

**Helen C. Chokey, 84**

Helen C. Chokey, age 84, of Pahoa, HI, formerly of Syracuse, IN passed away at Hilo Medical Center in Hilo, HI on Sunday October 3, 2010.

Helen was born on January 29, 1926 to James and Cora Rosenogle in Noble County and was a 1944 graduate of Cromwell High School. She married Thomas Jackson in 1949, he passed away in 1976. She then married Edward "Dutch" Kline in 1976, he passed away in 1982. In 1985 she married Russell Chokey of Syracuse, who passed away in 1994.

Helen retired from Dana Corporation of Syracuse on January 1, 1987 with 35 years of service. She was a member of Dana Retirement Association.

Mrs. Chokey is survived by one son, Michael Jackson of Pahoa, HI; one grandson; two great-grandchildren; and one brother, John Rosenogle of Wawaka. She was preceded in death by her parents and five brothers.

A funeral service will be held in Mrs. Chokey's honor on Saturday, October 16, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, IN with Celebrant Larry Baker officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell, IN.

There will be a time of visitation from 12-1 p.m. prior to the funeral service. Memorial contributions are to the charity of the donor's choice.

The Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.yeagerfuneralhome.com](http://www.yeagerfuneralhome.com)





**ALBION NEW ERA**  
**Albion, IN**  
**October 13, 2010, Wednesday**

## **Sue Marie Clark, 70**

Albion - Sue Marie Clark age 70, died on Thursday, October 7, 2010 at 2:10 a.m. at her home in Albion.

She was born on January 11, 1940 in Michigan and was the daughter of Quentin Arthur and Robbie L. (Darnall) Cavill. She came to the Albion area in 1968.

Mrs. Clark retired as a Manager at Fuji Film, formerly McJon Photo in Fort Wayne. She had been employed there since January 1, 1969 and retired in 2004.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Terry and Cindy Allgood of Austin, Texas; Mike Allgood of Kendallville, and Craig and Christine Allgood of Ozark, Alabama, and a daughter, Susie Centers of Fort Wayne. Sisters, Diane Harris of Huntertown, Michelle "Mickie" Cavill of Toledo, Sandee Cavill of Fort Wayne, and Darlene Noe of Friendswood, Texas. Six grandchildren; Joshua Allgood, Jennifer Allgood, Megan Allgood, Mandi Allgood, Cayden Centers, and Colton Centers. Two great-grandchildren, Cruz and Marissa Allgood. Also six half-siblings located in Kentucky.

There will be a private funeral service. Cremation will take place.

Memorials may be made to Parkview Noble Hospice.



**ALBION NEW ERA**  
Albion, IN  
October 13, 2010, Wednesday

## Grace Smith, 81

Grace Smith, age 81, of Wawaka, died on Wednesday, October 6, 2010 at her home in Wawaka.

Mrs. Smith was born in Bear Branch, Kentucky, Knott County, on May 7, 1929 to Ashford and Della (Gibson) Conley.

She married Hargis Smith on May 16, 1946 in Hazard, Kentucky.

Grace was a nurses aide and employed for ten years at Mark's Nursing Home and Miller's Merry Manor both in LaGrange.

She was a member of the Salem United Baptist Church in Rome City.

Grace enjoyed listening to music and singing, gardening, and bird watching from her porch.

She loved spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren and being involved in her church.

Survivors include:

Her husband of 64 years, Hargis Smith of Northridge Village in Albion, son and daughter-in-law, Keith and Leisa Smith of Howe, daughter and son-in-law, Carolyn and Joe Olson of Pacific, Missouri, daughter, Cathy Fulford of Kendallville, Indiana, five grandchildren; Amy Darling of Antioch, Illinois; David Olson of Blair, Nebraska; Sarah Kreicbergs of Independence, Missouri; Shawn Detwiler of Elkhart; and Jason Fulford of Ligonier, eight great-grandchildren, brothers; James Conley and Herbert and Mary Conley both of Wolcottville, half-sister, Kathryn Fugate of Clear Creek, Kentucky.

She was also preceded in death by her brothers, Denver and Eddie Conley; half-sisters, Della, Bertha and Belle; and a half brother, Willard Conley.

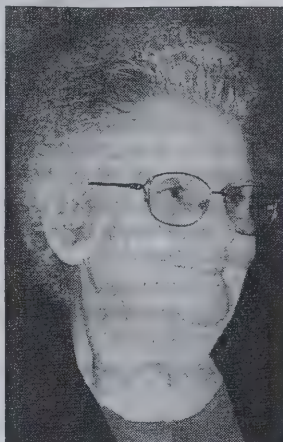
Funeral services were Sunday, October 10, 2010 at Salem United Baptist Church.

Officiating the funeral service was Rev. Billy Ray Tuttle.

Burial was at Orange Cemetery in Rome City.

Preferred memorials may be made to Salem United Baptist Church.

Send a condolence to the family at [www.hitefuneralhome.com](http://www.hitefuneralhome.com) or find us on Facebook.com





**ALBION NEW ERA**  
Albion, IN  
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**Donita Jean Lawson, 41**

Donita Jean "Dee" (Heingartner) Lawson, 41, of Fernadino Beach, Florida, and formerly of Albion died Monday, October 4, 2010, in Fernadino Beach.

Donita enjoyed riding motorcycles, collecting thimbles and painting.

She was born August 16, 1969, in Fort Wayne to Donald and Delores Jean (Winebrenner) Heingartner.

Surviving are her father and stepmother, Donald and Loretta Heingartner of Albion; her mother and stepfather, Delores Jean and Dave Carnahan of Missouri; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Anita Plummer of Albion and Lori (Plummer) and Trevor Rice of Kimmell; a brother, Paul Plummer of Indianapolis; her maternal grandmother, Evelyn Winebrenner of Columbia City; three aunts, Nancy and Mike Clouse of Albion; Pat Lytal of Big Bear, California, and Donna and Paul Springer of Ashley; three uncles, Terry and Brenda Winebrenner of North Carolina, Dean and Lori Heingartner of Auburn, and Dan and Jane Heingartner of Wolcottville; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents, George and Geraldine (Beck) Heingartner, and her maternal grandfather, Merritt Winebrenner.

Funeral services were Saturday, October 9, 2010, at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, with the Rev. Ben L. Archer and the Rev. Lee Brickey of the Albion Apostolic Church officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion.

Calling is Friday, October 8, 2010, from 4 to 8 p.m. and one hour prior to the services on Saturday at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.young-familyfuneralhome.com](http://www.young-familyfuneralhome.com)

ALBION NEW ERA  
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**Carole Ann Sweeney, 63**

Carole Ann Sweeney, age 63, of Kendallville died on Saturday, October 9, 2010 at her home.

Ms. Sweeney was born in Fort Wayne on August 19, 1947 to Richmond and Mildred Sweeney.

She graduated from Fort Wayne Northside High School in 1965.

Ms. Sweeney worked at Kraft in Kendallville for 28 years retiring in 1994.

She liked to listen to music, watch movies, read books and put together puzzles.

Carole also loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

Survivors include: daughter; Lorraine Nelson and her partner Ken Schlotter of Wawaka, Indiana, son; Shayne "Buzz" and Connie Mozena of Kendallville, daughter; Honalori "Hollie" Mozena and her partner Darin Alligood of Rome City, adopted son; David Meyer of Albion, seven grandchildren; Joshua Nelson, Thomas J. Nelson, Kayla Wheeler, Serena Wheeler, JoAnna MaeLee Alligood, Dirk Meyer and Lilly Meyer, one sister; Judie and Jim Schnitker of The Villages, Florida, one brother; Richard and Martha Sweeney of Grabill, Indiana, long time friend; Bud and Nancy Munk of Albion

She was preceded in death by her parents and her long time friend; Don Meyer.

Receiving of friends will be October 13, 2010 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Burial will be at Odd Fellows Cemetery in New Haven, Indiana.

Preferred memorials may be made to American Cancer Society.

Send a condolence to the family at [www.hitefuneralhome.com](http://www.hitefuneralhome.com) or find us on Facebook.com.



**THE NEWS SUN**  
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**Car-pickup crash  
claims second victim**

BUTLER — A second person has died as the result of a two-vehicle collision Oct. 5 at 4:22 p.m. south of Butler.

Earl W. Richmond, 87, of C.R. 35, Auburn, died Tuesday at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn. He was a passenger in a car that collided with a pickup truck at the intersection of S.R. 1 and C.R. 40. After the crash, emergency medics took him to the hospital for treatment of internal injuries.

Maxine M. Fry, 79, of the 1300 block of McIntyre Drive, Auburn, died at the scene of the crash. She was driving the car in which Richmond was riding.

Police said Mrs. Fry was driving a 2000 Ford Taurus east on C.R. 40 and stopped for a stop sign at S.R. 1. She then drove her car into the path of a 2000 Ford F150 pickup truck that was traveling southbound on S.R. 1.

The pickup truck hit the driver's side door of the car and pushed the car into a ditch on the southwest corner of the intersection, where it struck an electric fence and stopped.

The driver of the pickup truck, Trey E. Landis, 17, of St. Joe, was not injured, police said.

**Gerald Shank**

HUNTERTOWN — Gerald G. "Bud" Shank, 73, of Huntertown died Tuesday, Oct. 12, 2010, at his home.

Funeral services will be at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the Huntertown United Methodist Church, 16021 Lima Road, with Pastor Greg Hiatt, officiating. Burial will be in Huntertown Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. Friday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco and one hour prior to the service at the church Saturday.

Memorials are to Huntertown United Methodist

Church, 16021 Lima Road., Huntertown, IN 46748; or Parkview Home Health & Hospice, 2270 Lake Ave., Suite 200, Fort Wayne, IN 46805

To leave a condolence, log on to  
[www.sheetsandchilds.net](http://www.sheetsandchilds.net)

**Anita Peters**

ALBION — Anita Darlene Peters, age 76, died on Tuesday, October 12, 2010, at North Ridge Village Nursing Home in Albion.

She was born on May 15, 1934, in Galesburg, Illinois, and was the daughter of Holmer Hough and Mildred (Cook) Moorhouse Bortner.

She has been a lifetime member of the Albion community.

Mrs. Peters had a wide range of work and business experience, including working at the American Legion Post 246 in Albion, Miller's Merry Manor in Ligonier, and Parkview Home Health Care.

She loved writing, and she often wrote a personal column for The New Sun newspaper, and she also enjoyed gardening, cooking and sewing.

She was a member of the Albion American Legion Post 246 Women's Auxiliary and the Albion Eagles.

Surviving are four daughters and two sons-in-law, Ingrid (Ken) Lochamire of LaGrange, Monica Wilson of Fort Wayne, Bonita Wilson of Kendallville, and Amy (Tim) Budreau of Fowler, Ind.; a son, Mark Peters of Angola; 10 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and three brothers, Edward Moorhouse, John Moorhouse, and Joseph Moorhouse, all of Albion.

She is preceded in death by her parents, and a sister, Katherine Merriman.

Visitation will be on Sunday, October 24, 2010, from 3 until 5 p.m., with a memorial service beginning at 5 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

Cremation will take place, with final burial at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Please make memorials to North Ridge Village Nursing Home.

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**Alden Owens**

ASHLEY — Alden Owens, 70, of Ashley and formerly of Wolcottville died Tuesday, Oct. 12, 2010, in Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Owens had lived in this area most of his life.

He retired in 2000 after 15 years at Midwest Molding in Wolcottville.

He was born Feb. 5, 1940, in Hindman, Ky., to Aaron and Amy (Ritchie) Owens. He married Reva Boggs on Feb. 4, 1962, in Stroh. She survives in Ashley.

Also surviving are four daughters and three sons-in-law, Alda and Dave Nissen of Wolcottville, Rita Hunter of Kendallville, Teresa and Troy Sams of Howe and Terri and Kevin Leedy of Hudson; two sons and daughters-in-law, Alden Ray and Norma Cochran of Auburn and Anthony Owens and Myra Conley of LaGrange; a daughter-in-law, Melinda Owens of Wolcottville; 15 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; a sister, Geraldine Hudson of Wolcottville; and two brothers, Howard Owens and Denny Owens, both of Kentucky.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Everett Owens; and a son, Rodney Owens on Jan. 12, 2009.



**Mr. Owens**

**Gean Edwards**

KENDALLVILLE — Memorial services for Gean Edwards of Corpus Christi, Texas, will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville.

Mr. Edwards died Sept. 2, 2010, following a battle with lung cancer.

Memorials are to St. John Lutheran Church.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, S.R. 9 North, Wolcottville; with Pastor Billy Smith officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

Calling will be from 3-7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association or to the family.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at [www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com)

**Earl Richmond**

AUBURN — Earl W. Richmond, 87, of Auburn died Tuesday, Oct. 12, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Richmond worked for Warner Gear in Auburn for 37 years, retiring in 1983.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army serving during World War II.

He attended Soul's Harbor Assembly of God in rural Auburn.

He was born Feb. 13, 1923, in Garrett, to Jacob and Eliza (Chambers) Richmond. He married Donna J. Bainbridge on Nov. 27, 1942, in Albion. She died Aug. 7, 2009.

Surviving are a son and his domestic partner, Ted Richmond and Richard DeCamp of Rising Sun; two daughters and sons-in-law, Coleen and Allen Adams of Yoder and Chris and Nick Menges of Auburn; four grandchildren and THEIR spouses, Shay and Kocoo Menges of Nashville, Tenn., Barry and Andrea Menges of Auburn, Jess Menges of Auburn and Chet Willard of Fort Wayne; and a great-granddaughter, Tenley Menges of Nashville, Tenn.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; two brothers, James Richmond and Wilford Richmond; and five sisters, Wanda Richmond, Alma Burtch, Hilda Mahnesmith, Inez Walter and Evelyn Dalrymple.

There will be no calling or services. Burial will take place in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home in Waterloo is handling arrangements.

To view and online obituary or to send condolences, visit [www.fellerandclark.com](http://www.fellerandclark.com)



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**Robert Jackson**

PLEASANT LAKE — Robert Howard Jackson, 88, of Pleasant Lake died Wednesday, Oct. 13, 2010, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mr. Jackson had been a farmer. He had also been employed at Rieke Corp. in Auburn, retiring from there after 23 years of service.

He was a graduate of Hamilton High School.

He was born Aug. 9, 1922, in Steuben County to Howard and Bernice (Hurraw) Jackson. He married Anna Laura Williams on Feb. 14, 1942. She survives at Pleasant Lake.

Also surviving are a son, Gary Jackson of Pleasant Lake; four daughters, Sharon (Harold) Baxter of Hamilton, Pat Jackson of Angola, Elaine (Richard) Myers of Roanoke and DeAnn (Dan) Hurraw of Waterloo; a brother, Marvin (Lela) Jackson of Angola; a sister, Kathleen (Wilford) Jennings of Hamilton; 15 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Glida Jackson.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola with Kevin Landis officiating. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery at Hamilton.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Sign a guestbook at [www.weichtfh.com](http://www.weichtfh.com)

**Irma Knapp**

GARRETT — Irma M. Knapp, age 80, of Batesville, Ind., and formerly of Garrett, Ind., died at 7:05 p.m. Tuesday, October 12, 2010, at the Waters of Batesville Nursing Home.

Irma was born August 15, 1930, in Garrett, Ind., to Fred W. and Christine (Gallmeyer) Stoll and they preceded her in death. She married Elden R. Knapp on May 2, 1948, in Garrett and he died April 4, 1990.

Irma worked in sales at the Garrett Hardware for 10 years.

She was a member of the Garrett American Legion Auxiliary and Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Garrett.

Irma is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Kristina "Tina" and Brian Pickens of Sunman, Ind., and a son and daughter-in-law, Kevin and Susan Knapp, Carmel Valley, Calif.

She is also survived by her grandson, Adam C. Knapp, Chico, Calif.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Fred W. and Christine Stoll; her husband, Elden R. Knapp; two brothers, Walter Stoll and Leroy Stoll; and a sister, Alma Woodcock.

Visitation will be from 9-11 a.m. Saturday, October 16, 2010, at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church at Garrett, Ind., with services to take place at 11 a.m. with Pastor Jeffrey Horn officiating.

Burial will follow in Christian Union Cemetery at Garrett, Ind.

Memorials are to Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Garrett, Ind.

You may send a condolence or sign the on-line register book by visiting:  
[www.thomasfuneralhome.org](http://www.thomasfuneralhome.org)

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**Martha Land**

FORT WAYNE —  
Martha Land, 88, of Fort  
Wayne died Wednesday,  
Oct. 13, 2010, at Lutheran  
Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Funeral services will be  
at 11 a.m. Saturday at the  
Sheets & Childs Funeral  
Home in Churubusco.  
Burial will be in Oak Hill  
Cemetery at Plymouth.

Visitation will be one  
hour prior to the service.

Memorials are to A Day  
Away, 1701 Freeman St.,  
Fort Wayne, IN 46802; or to  
the family.

**Bailey Mettler**

LAGRANGE — Bailey  
Shaye Mettler, 10-month-  
old daughter of Christopher  
and Valerie Mettler of  
LaGrange, died Wednesday,  
Oct. 13, 2010, at her  
residence.

Visitation will be from  
noon to 3 p.m. Saturday at  
Carney-Frost Funeral Home,  
LaGrange.

Funeral service will be  
at 3 p.m. Saturday at the  
funeral home. Burial will be  
in Greenwood Cemetery,  
LaGrange.

**Evelyn Wildeson**

AUBURN — Evelyn G.  
Wildeson, 92, of Auburn  
died Thursday, Oct. 14,  
2010, at DeKalb Memorial  
Hospital in Auburn.

Arrangements are  
pending at Feller & Clark  
Funeral Home in Auburn.



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**Philip Treesh**

KENDALLVILLE — Philip Edward Treesh, age 71, went to meet the Lord on Friday, October 15, 2010, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

He was born on April 22, 1939, in Kosciusko County and was the son of Luther Edward and Helen Irene (Lightfoot) Treesh. His father died in 1988 and his mother died in 2007.

He spent his lifetime in the Noble County area, spending most of his adult life in Kendallville.

Mr. Treesh was a dairy and grain farmer for most of his life and also was a property insurance adjuster and insurance underwriter.

On October 2, 1959, he married Delores Jean Conrad at the Albion EUB Church in Albion. She survives in Kendallville.

He was a very active member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion, where he was a Sunday school teacher for many years, and was a member of the Gideon's International. He was a 14-year member of the board of directors of the Federal Land Bank, and served as president of the board for nine years.

He was a 12-year member of the board of directors of the Noble County Farm Bureau.

Mr. Treesh was a 4-H leader and during the Noble County 4-H Fair he was the auction announcer for 35 years.

He enjoyed playing cards and being with his family.

Other survivors include two sons and a daughter-in-law, Kevin and Madeline Treesh of Darien, Connecticut, and Andrew Treesh of Avilla; three daughters and sons-in-law, Kim A. and Mark Miller of Marion, Indiana, Amanda M. "Mindy" and Doug Jones of Kendallville and Dorinda J. "Dodi" and Shirona Gunawardhana of Fort Wayne; his grandchildren, Meagan (Michael) O'Neill, Brant (Lindsay) Miller, Arthur Jones, Chandy Jones, Philip R. Treesh, Catherine Treesh, Claire Treesh and Zen Gunawardhana; four brothers and sisters-in-law, Doyle T. (Annemarie) Treesh of Jasper, Georgia, James M. (Linda) Treesh of Wasilla, Alaska, Robert (Pat) Treesh of Kendallville and Lloyd (Rita) Treesh of Avilla; and three sisters and one brother-in-law, Rosemary (Floyd) Uhl of Godfrey, Illinois, Janet R. Mendenhall of Albion and Mirian K. Hunt of St. Joe, Missouri.

Funeral services for Mr. Treesh will be Monday, October 18, 2010, at 11 a.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion. Pastor Bret Frymier will officiate.

Calling will be on Sunday from 2 until 8 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, 771 Trail Ridge Road. Calling is also one hour prior to the funeral on Monday.

Burial following the funeral will be at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion. Pallbearers will be Brant Miller, Michael O'Neill, Arthur Jones, Philip R. Treesh, Joseph Treesh and Ryan Treesh.

Please make memorials to Trinity United Methodist Church or to Gideons International.

**Joy Mueller**

LAOTTO — Joy Leanne Mueller, 79, died Friday, Oct. 15, 2010, at her home in LaOtto.

Cremation has taken place.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

**Mary Rauguth**

SHIPSHEWANA — Mary Louise Rauguth, 61, of Shipshewana died Wednesday, Oct. 13, 2010.

Celebration of life service will be at 3 p.m. Thursday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury.

Visitation will be from 2-3 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

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### Allison Gary

PINE VALLEY, Calif. — A Celebration of Life service will be held for Jill Allison Gary, 50, of Pine Valley, Calif., on Saturday, Oct. 23, at 10:30 a.m. in the Pine Valley Community



**Mrs. Gary**

Center. A reception will immediately follow. Cremation rites have been planned, under the direction of the Neptune Society of San Diego.

Jill was born on Feb. 16, 1960, along with a twin brother, in National City, Calif. She passed away with peace and dignity at her home on Oct. 9, 2010, with her husband and mother at her side, after a valiant four-and-a-half-year battle with inflammatory breast cancer. Her family takes great comfort in the fact that she is now cancer-free, no longer a captive to the afflictions of her earthly body, and in the presence of her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Our loss is her gain.

Jill was a loving daughter, sister, wife and mother. Besides her immediate family, she had many supportive friends and co-workers, and she will be missed by all who knew her.

She is survived by her husband of nearly 24 years, Ken Gary; her daughter, Ashley Gary; her father and mother, Clyde and Sandra Hayen; her twin brother, Jeffrey Hayen; her grandmother, Eleanor Decker; and her mother-in-law and father-in-law, Joan and John Gary of Fremont, Ind.

### Evelyn Wildeson

AUBURN — Evelyn G. Wildeson, 92, of Auburn died Thursday, Oct. 14, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Wildeson worked for Richards Restaurant in Auburn as a cashier, retiring in 2000.



**Mrs. Wildeson**

She attended Lakewood Park Baptist Church in rural Auburn.

Mrs. Wildeson was a former member of the Women of the Moose in Auburn.

She was born Jan. 11, 1918, in Fort Wayne, to Clarence and Ilyne Baysinger. She married Robert Wildeson on Oct. 5, 1939, in Auburn. He died Nov. 2, 1987.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Dale and Tillie Wildeson of Butler and Dean and Marilyn Wildeson of Huntertown; a daughter and son-in-law, Darlene and Gerald Relyea of Auburn; two grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; and a brother, Carl Baysinger.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with Pastor Russ Howard and Pastor Wayne Smith officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Heart Association.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit [www.fellerandclark.com](http://www.fellerandclark.com)

She was preceded in death by her grandfather, Douglas Decker Sr., and her uncle, Douglas Decker Jr.

Jill and her husband greatly enjoyed the "country-living refuge" they called home in the Pine Valley community. In both the earlier and later years of her life, Jill was passionate about her relationship with God. During the last four years of her life, she recorded many of her inner thoughts and feelings concerning that relationship, as well as her personal journey of battling breast cancer, in an online journal: [www.JillGary.com](http://www.JillGary.com)



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*Our hearts are still in disarray, and ache  
everyday. It seems so long since we've held  
you or heard your sweet words.*



*Daddy and I talk to you  
everyday & Bubby's life  
is so empty... Chuck,  
you were so loved,  
still loved, cherished  
and missed. May you  
always be warm.  
We love you Lukis*

*Szander Kern!*

*Daddy, Mommy, Bubby, Sissy,  
Bestest Bud AJ & Ruff from Fritter*

# Roberts was always ready for next show

BY JENNIFER DECKER  
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ANGOLA — Mary Jane Roberts was always ready for the next show.

She sold tickets. Popped the popcorn. Swept the theatre. Filled the candy. Ran the projector. Changed the marquee. It was all part of owning and operating the Brokaw Theatre in Angola for some 20 years. She retired from the movie theatre in 1995.

Mary Jane died Oct. 7 at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola after an extended illness. Her daughter, Toni Roberts of Angola, recalled her mother didn't like a lot of fuss, but led a full life.

"She was active up to the time she got sick. She was a bowler. She liked painting. She drew pictures for all of the chapters of her Class of 1943 Angola High School yearbook, 'The Key,'" Toni said. "It was during the war and I think some were of sailors and of military type. She was always doing something. She used to play poker with her family."

Toni also recalled her mother volunteered for The Gray Ladies, a group that volunteered during emergencies in providing care. "I remember once there was a food poisoning at the Buck Lake Ranch and they called in the Gray Ladies. She always took care of family," Toni said.

Mary Jane was born Nov. 22, 1924, in Angola to the late Oliver and Nellie (Bunker) Rose. Mary Jane was raised in Angola. She met her husband, the late Merwin Roberts, when rollerskating. Toni believed her parents had a two-year courtship, before marrying at the Chapel in the Garden in Angola, which is now the Congregational Church.

Mary Jane and Merwin each came from 10-children families. Once married, the couple settled in Angola and Merwin went to work for the now defunct Weatherhead Company. They had three children: Toni and two sons: Terry Roberts of Angola

and Todd Roberts of Sand Springs, Okla., along with three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

From 1974-1995, Mary Jane owned and operated the Brokaw, which was built in 1931. At that time, the movie house had one giant screen and today it has two. "Her and my father sold tickets and made popcorn. A booker worked with film companies (for movies). Movies were shown at night with Sunday matinees. We grew up there," Toni said. "I don't think (Mary Jane) really hated any part — she stuck to selling tickets."

When it was time to run the Brokaw on a daily business, Mary Jane would announce, "I gotta go to the show" and off she went, Toni said. A few movies weren't shown

over the years there that were controversial in nature.

Mary Jane was also active politically and was a Democrat. She was a poll worker and always made sure she voted. Her favorite president was likely John F. Kennedy and she did not like President George H.W. Bush or his son, President George W. Bush.

Dogs had a special place in Mary Jane's heart. "She was a dog lover. She rescued two greyhounds, Gracie and Wana, and had two toy poodles, Murphy and Pickles," Toni said. "She had all different breeds. I think she liked toy poodles best."

Memorials for Mary Jane Roberts may be made to the Steuben County Cancer Association.



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

**Mary Jane Roberts loved dogs, especially Murphy (left) and Pickles. Mary Jane also rescued two greyhounds named Gracie and Wana.**



**THE NEWS SUN**  
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**James Kress**

ROME CITY — James J. “Jim” Kress, 86, of Sylvan Lake, Rome City, died Saturday, Oct. 16, 2010, in LaGrange County.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, S.R. 9 North, Wolcottville.

**Barbara Helmuth**

SHIPSHEWANA — Barbara J. Helmuth, 84, of Shippshewana, died Friday, Oct. 15, 2010.

Visitation will be all day today at Mervin D. Yoder residence, 6450 West C.R. 275N in Shippshewana.

Funeral services will be at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 18, 2010, at Norman Christner’s residence, 2505 North C.R. 675W in Shippshewana.

**Woodrow Lee**

CORUNNA — Woodrow “Woody” Lee, 76, of Corunna died Friday, Oct. 15, 2010, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne Street, Waterloo.

Calling will be from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Corunna Volunteer Fire Department.

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**Kathrian Keesler**

AUBURN — Kathrian A. "Kitty" Keesler, 76, of Auburn died Sunday, October 17, 2010, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.



**Mrs. Keesler**

Mrs. Keesler worked at Wakfield Company Inc. in Waterloo for 15 years and for Lectron Products Inc. in

Hamilton for several years before retiring in 1987. After her retirement, she worked alongside her husband as a special deputy for the DeKalb County Sheriffs Department, transporting inmates.

She also volunteered her time working in the Curiosity Shop at the DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

She was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Auburn. She was also very active in the Ladies Aide at the church.

She was born January 28, 1934, in Auburn, to Worthy T. and Edna B. (Neitzel) Clouse.

She married Duane Lee "Buck" Keesler on June 8, 1952, in the Little Church in the Garden in Angola. He died December 7, 2000.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Brian D. and Bonnie Keesler of Auburn; five daughters and sons-in-law, Kathy Heffley of Paulding, Ohio, Toni and Ron Gall of Garrett, Lona and Jerry Nusbaum of Garrett, Shon and Randy Cook of Garrett, and Angela and Jeff Shearer of Auburn; a sister-in-law, Carolyn Clouse of Auburn; 20 grandchildren; and 24 great grandchildren.

**Patricia Copeland**

NORTH WEBSTER — Patricia A. Copeland, 68, of North Webster died Friday, October 15, 2010, at Miller's Merry Manor, Syracuse.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday at Owen Family Funeral Home, S.R. 13 and C.R. 500N, North Webster. Services will follow at 1 p.m. in the funeral home with the Rev. Robert Brown of God's Highway to Heaven Church in Warsaw officiating. Burial will be in the North Webster Cemetery Mock Addition.

Memorials are to the Patricia Copeland Funeral Fund, c/o Owen Family Funeral Home, P.O. Box 72, North Webster, IN 46555.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; a brother, Richard Clouse; and a granddaughter, Stephanie Nusbaum.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1801 N. Main St., Auburn, with the Rev. Lloyd Bickel officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, and also from 10-11 a.m. Wednesday at the church prior to the funeral service.

Memorials may be directed to Trinity Lutheran Church.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit [www.fellerandclark.com](http://www.fellerandclark.com).

**Charles Lemberg**

CROMWELL — Charles F. "Chick" Lemberg, 64, of Cromwell died Saturday, Oct. 16, 2010, at Kosciusko Community Hospital in Warsaw.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday at Owen Family Funeral Home, 1001 S. Huntington St., Syracuse. Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home with Rev. Harlan Steffen of Wawasee Lakeside Chapel in Syracuse officiating.

Memorials are to Sister House, 851 N. Leamington Ave., Chicago, IL 60651.

**Jeffery Morris**

CHURUBUSCO — Jeffery L. Morris, 53, of rural Churubusco died Sunday, October 17, 2010, at his home.

Calling will be at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, Tuesday from 6-8 p.m.

Private family services will be at the mortuary.

Memorials are to the Humane Society of Whitley County, P. O. Box 245, Columbia City, IN 46725.



## Woodrow Lee

**CORUNNA —** Woodrow "Woody" Lee, 76, of Corunna died Friday, October 15, 2010, at Parkview Hospital in Ft. Wayne.



**Mr. Lee**

Mr. Lee worked in the construction industry for Clark, Stewart and Wood. He then went on to work for the

Newman Foundry, and retired in 1996 after 33 years of service.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during the Korean War.

He was a member of the Corunna Community Church, Kendallville American Legion Post 86, Francis E. Vineyard Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2749 in Kendallville, and Kendallville Eagles.

He was born June 29, 1934, in Nicholasville, Ky., to Edgar C. and Lena (Lutz) Lee.

He married Elsie Lucky on April 30, 1960, in Nicholasville, Kentucky. She died June 17, 2009.

He is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, MaryAnn and Richard Hillard of Knoxville, Tenn., a granddaughter and her husband, Janet K. and Ron Barton of St. Joe, Louisiana; and two brothers and a sister-in-law, Raymond R. and Christine Lee of Nicholasville, Ky., and Lee J. Stubblefield of Nicholasville, Ky.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; and four sisters, Marie Smith, Mary Lee, and two infant sisters.

*The Family of*  
*Kimberly Temple-Farren*



Wishes to thank all her friends and relatives who came to visit, and sent cards or flowers during her time of illness and passing. We would also like to thank Trinity United Methodist Pastor Scott Pattison and the church members for their services and prayers, Parkview North Healthcare and the visiting nurse and hospice home of Fort Wayne for their exceptional care and compassion, and Hite Funeral home for their professionalism. Also thank you to the cities of Garrett & Kendallville.

## Mary Shoup

**ANGOLA —** Mary Elizabeth Shoup, 87, of Angola died Saturday, Oct. 16, 2010 at Cameron Memorial Hospital, Angola. Arrangements are pending at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St, Waterloo. The Rev. Richard Pickard will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett, with military graveside services being conducted by the Kendallville Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today, Monday, at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the Corunna Volunteer Fire Department.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit [www.fellerandclark.com](http://www.fellerandclark.com).

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## **Delver Halsey**

ALBION — Delver M. Halsey, age 84, went home to be with the Lord on October 17, 2010, at 8:50 p.m. at his home in Albion.

He was born on October 8, 1926, in Wolcottville, Indiana, and was the son of John and Lula (Gevedon) Halsey. He has lived his lifetime in the Noble county area.

Mr. Halsey married Tona May Fulk on July 4, 1953, in Arcola, Indiana. She survives in Albion.

He was a farmer for 27 years and a car salesman for Publix Buick in Kendallville. He owned two car lots and was a former co-owner of Brand's Car Wash in Kendallville. He could restore a car from the frame up.

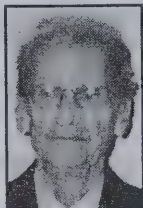
He served his country in the Army during WWII.

A loving husband, and loving father to all of his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

He enjoyed golf, playing the piano, and harmonica, farming and traveling. He also loved spending time with his family and friends.

*Dad, we love you and will miss you forever.*

Other survivors include his children, Karen Halsey of Ligonier, Craig Halsey of Kendallville, and Pam Halsey Fisher of South Milford; three grandchildren, Skyla Dawn Halsey Harrison, Jeremy Lynn Day and Colton Steven Fisher; a sister, Justine Gaff of Green Acres, Florida; and two brothers, Ralleigh Halsey of Kimmell, and Marion Halsey of Cromwell.



**Mr. Halsey**

## **James Kress**

ROME CITY — James J. "Jim" Kress, 86, of Sylvan Lake, Rome City, died Saturday, Oct. 16, 2010, in LaGrange County.

Mr. Kress graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 1947. He had been employed at Essex Wire in Fort Wayne. He retired from there in 1981 after 42 years.

He moved to Sylvan Lake from Fort Wayne in 1984.



**Mr. Kress**

Mr. Kress was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps.

He was born May 22, 1924, in Detroit, Mich., to Leo and Bernice (Doonan) Kress. He married Mary Ellen Black on Aug. 25, 1951, in Battle Creek, Mich.

Surviving are his wife of 59 years, Mary Ellen Kress of Sylvan Lake; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Maria and Steven Berg of Fort Wayne, Susan Kress and Peter Phillips of Dallas, Texas, and Nancy Kress of Clearwater, Fla.; three sons and a daughter-in-law, James Kress Jr. and John Kress, both of Fort Wayne, and Chris and Terri Kress of Troy, Mich.; and eight grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a daughter, Judy Ann Kress in 1954.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday in St. Gaspar Catholic Church, 10871 N. S.R. 9, Rome City, with Father Bernard Ramenaden officiating. Burial will be in St. Gaspar Catholic Cemetery. Military graveside services will be provided by American Legion Post 381, Rome City, and VFW Post 2749, Kendallville.

Calling will be from 3-7 p.m. Thursday at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, S.R. 9 North, Wolcottville, where there will be a rosary service at 7 p.m.

Calling will also be one hour prior to services on Friday at the church.

Memorials are Masses to the church or to the donor's choice.

View a video tribute after Thursday or send condolences to the family at [www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com)

He is preceded in death by his parents; a son, Dennis Halsey; and brothers and sisters, Patty Macy, Dora Lawson, Fred Halsey, Albert Halsey, Warren Halsey, Denny Halsey and Stella Halsey.

Funeral services for Mr. Halsey will be on Wednesday, October 20, 2010, at 2 p.m. at The Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic in Albion. The Rev. Benny Archer will officiate.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the funeral at the church.

Burial will be at Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Memorials may go to the Parkview Whitley Hospice.

Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion is in charge of arrangements.



**THE NEWS SUN**  
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### **Joanne Stoller**

**FORT WAYNE —** Joanne R. Stoller, 77, passed away Sunday, October 17, 2010 at her home in Fort Wayne.

Born in Tremont, Ill., she was a member of The Chapel.

Joanne was co-owner of Stoller's Lighting & Fireplace for 42 years, along with Stoller's Antique Mall, Workspace Solutions, and Stoller Development Company.

She was a devoted wife and mother who cherished her grandchildren, enjoyed sewing, and providing hospitality.

She is survived by her husband, Ronald W. Stoller of Fort Wayne; sons, Rick (Debra) Stoller of Parker, Colo., Brent (Tracy) Stoller of Fort Wayne, and Brad (Tanya) Stoller of Colleyville, Texas; a daughter, Tami (Jim) Spuller of Kendallville; 10 grandchildren; her brothers, Fred (Mary Ann) Woerner of Pekin, Ill., and Kenneth Woerner of Tremont, Ill.; a sister, Mary (Carl) Sinn of Tremont, Ill.; and a sister-in-law, Delores (Ron) Scalf of Tremont, Ill.

Joanne was preceded in death by her parents, George L. and Lena J. Woerner; and a brother, George Woerner.

Funeral service is at 10 a.m. Wednesday at The Chapel, 2505 W. Hamilton Road, Fort Wayne, with calling one hour prior. Pastor Rick Hawks will officiate.



**Mrs. Stoller.**

### **Charles Spidel**

**AMARILLO, Texas —** Charles Eugene Spidel, 79, formerly of Kendallville, died Wednesday, Oct. 13, 2010, at his home in Amarillo.

Funeral services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

### **Mervin Bair**

**AUBURN —** Mervin Bair, 80, of Auburn died Sunday, Oct. 17, 2010, at Byron Health Center in Fort Wayne.

There will be no calling or services at this time.

Feller & Clark Funeral

Home in Waterloo is handling arrangements.

### **Melvin Treesh**

**GARRETT —** Melvin L. "Pete" Treesh, 77, of Garrett, died Sunday, Oct. 17, 2010, in Columbus, Ind.

Mr. Treesh was a journeyman at Auburn Gear for 42 years before retiring in 1997.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

He was born March 21, 1933, in Garrett to Walter C. and Mabel (McKinley) Treesh. He married Carol J. Dye on Aug. 6, 1955, in Auburn and she survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters in-law, James and Nancy Treesh of Columbus, Ind., Jeri and Janet Treesh of Pleasant Lake and John Treesh of Kendallville; two daughters, Katherine Burns of Florida and Janis Krieg of Garrett; 15 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Robert and Kenneth Treesh; and five sisters, Eilene Stover, Annabell Basse, Helen Treesh, Florence Brown and Betty Shilling.

A celebration of life service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at the First Christian Church, 910 N. Indiana Ave., Auburn, Ind., with the Rev. Walter Coy officiating.

Memorials are to the First Christian Church in Auburn or to the family.

To send a condolence or sign the online guestbook visit [www.thomasfuneralhome.org](http://www.thomasfuneralhome.org)

Calling also from 2 to 5 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. today at D. O. McComb and Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, Fort Wayne.

Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Memorials may be made to The Chapel.

To sign the online guest book, go to [www.mccombandsons.com](http://www.mccombandsons.com)

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**Mary Shoup**

ANGOLA — Mary Elizabeth Shoup, 87, of Angola died Saturday, Oct. 16, 2010, at Cameron Memorial Hospital in Angola.

Mrs. Shoup was a homemaker.

She was a member of the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Angola and the VFW Auxiliary and the Women of the Moose, both in Angola.

She was born Jan. 18, 1923, in Pleasant Lake to Samuel and Elsie (Wise) Lepley. She married Estle Shoup Aug. 18, 1946. He survives in Angola.

Also surviving are a son, Gary and Nancy Shoup of Angola; a stepdaughter, Rebecca Kelley of San Diego, Calif.; a sister, Evelyn Nill of Angola; six grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, John Shoup in 1999, and nine brothers and sisters, Roy, Pauline, Kenny, Betty, Jane, Russell, Eddie, Calvin and Winkie.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola with Pastor Deborah Davis officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the service on Thursday.

Memorials are to First Congregational United Church of Christ in Angola or the Steuben County Humane Society in Angola.

Sign a guestbook at [www.weichtfh.com](http://www.weichtfh.com)

**Ilene Baker**

CHURUBUSCO — Ilene E. Baker, 97, of rural Churubusco died at 11:05 a. m. on Monday, October 18, 2010, at her home in Smith Township following an extended illness.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a. m. Thursday, October 21, 2010, at the Churubusco United Methodist Church with Pastor Corinne K. Boruff officiating. Interment will be in the family plot at Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

Calling is at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco on Wednesday

from 2-8 p. m., and at the church one hour prior to the service.

Memorials may be directed to the Churubusco United Methodist Church Soup Ministry, 750 N. Main St., Churubusco, IN 46723; or to Heartland Home Health Care & Hospice, 1315 Directors Row, #210, Fort Wayne, IN 46808.

**Linda Schrock**

GOSHEN — Linda Lee Schrock, 63, of Goshen died Monday, Oct. 18, 2010, at the emergency room of Goshen General Hospital.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. Wednesday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, 1003 S. Main St., Middlebury.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Siloam Fellowship, Goshen. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery, Goshen.

Memorials may be given to Clinton Christian School.

**Virginia Salsbury**

FREMONT — Virginia L. Salsbury, 89, of Fremont died Thursday, Sept. 30, 2010, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Memorial services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Jehovah's Witnesses, 2725 N. S.R. 827, Angola, with Ron Keller officiating.

Graveside services will be at 4:30 p.m. Saturday at Ray Cemetery at Fremont.

Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.



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## **Dorothy Hossinger**

EVANSVILLE — Dorothy A. "Dottie" Hossinger, formerly of Kendallville, Ind., passed away

Tuesday, October 12, 2010, in Palm Harbor, Fla.

She was born in Jackson, Mich., on Nov. 8, 1909, and lived in Kendallville and Sarasota, Fla., until 1995 when she moved to Evansville to be near her family. At age 98 she returned to Florida to live with her granddaughter Janet.

Dottie graduated from Kendallville High School and International Business College in Fort Wayne, IN.

She was office manager and secretary-treasurer of Hossinger Refrigeration Inc., a commercial refrigeration business her husband owned and operated from 1942-1975.

She served as a Deacon in the Presbyterian Church in Kendallville. She had been a member of the Kendallville Country Club, Maxwellton and South Shore golf clubs at Lake Wawasee, the Orchard Ridge Country Club in Fort Wayne and Palm Aire Country Club in Sarasota.

Dottie became a member of Holy Rosary Catholic Church.

She was an avid golfer, bridge player, gardener, enjoyed reading knitting and sewing. Most of all she was a loving and devoted mother, mother-in-law, grandmother and great-grandmother.



**Mrs.  
Hossinger**

Preceding her in death were her husband of 51 years, Harold; and a sister, Roberta Harsh; and her parents Everett Johnson and Hazel Estrada.

Surviving are her daughter and son-in-law Joanne and JB Tisserand; her grandsons, Jay and his wife Jeanie of Boiling Springs, Pa., and Reed and his wife Carleen of Newburgh; her granddaughters, Janet and her husband Jim Atherton of Orlando, Fla., and Dr. Mary Tisserand and her husband Michael Wagoner of Newburgh; her great-grandsons, Dr. Justin Wagoner, Capt. Clint Tisserand, and Stuart and Bradley Atherton; her great-granddaughters, Tori Tisserand Smarr, Carrie Tisserand Shaw, Michele Wagoner, and Nicole and Emma Tisserand; and six great-great-grandchildren.

*We would like to extend our deep appreciation to Janet, to Arden Courts in Palm Harbor where she spent her last two years and to Hospice of Florida Suncoast for her gentle and loving care.*

Visitation will be Saturday, October 23, 2010, from 9-11 a.m. at Ziemer Funeral Home, East Chapel, 800 S. Hebron Ave., Evansville.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. at the funeral home with Father Raymond Kuper officiating. Burial will be at St. Joseph Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Hospice Agency.

Condolences may be made to the family online at [www.ziemerfuneralhome.com](http://www.ziemerfuneralhome.com).

## **Ielene Souders**

HOBART — Ielene M. Souders, 82, of Hobart and formerly of Sylvan Lake in Rome City, passed away October 5, 2010.

She was born on April 1, 1928, to George and Mabel (Genth) Leonard.

She worked as a kindergarten teacher then progressed to principal and administrator in the Munster community schools. She retired after 38 years of service.

She was also preceded in death by her husband William Souders.

Graveside services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Friday at Prairie Grove Cemetery.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Home for Funerals 6810 Old Trail Road, Fort Wayne, is in charge of arrangements.

Please visit [www.elzey-patterson-rodakfuneral-home.com](http://www.elzey-patterson-rodakfuneral-home.com) to leave online condolences.

## **James Crothers**

NEW HAVEN — James Walter Crothers, 85, died Monday, Oct. 18, 2010, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Visitation will be from 3-7 p.m. Thursday at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the funeral home with Pastor Chris Steele officiating.

Memorials are to Parkview Hospice, 1900 Carew St., Suite 6, Fort Wayne, IN 46805.

## Mary Jane Carmichael

LIGONIER — Mary Jane Carmichael, 94, of Ligonier died at 8:50 p.m. Monday, Oct. 18, 2010, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Mrs. Carmichael was a lifelong area resident.

Mary Jane graduated from Ligonier High School in 1934.



Mrs. Carmichael

She was a member of the Ligonier United Methodist Church and the Order of the Eastern Star.

Mary Jane also enjoyed football, IU basketball and dining out with her family and friends.

She was born July 10, 1916, in Ligonier the daughter of Roscoe and Frieda Jackson. She met her husband of more than 40 years, L. Dean Carmichael, while working at Superior Sample Co. in Ligonier. He preceded her in death in 1991.

Surviving are her nephews, Dr. William (Eileen) Dodd of O'Fallen, Ill., Jeffrey Dodd of Wilmette, Ill., Dr. William (Donna) Laney of Rio Verde, Ariz., J. Daniel (Mary) Cunningham of Plano, Texas, and William R. (Connie) Cunningham of Wolcottville; a niece, Gale Cunningham of Wolcottville; 18 great-nieces and nephews; 26 great-great-nieces and nephews; and a soon to be born great-great-nephew.

She was also preceded in death by a sister and brother-in-law, Harriet and Dr. Robert Dodd; a niece, Patsy Fraleigh; and a nephew, D. Douglas Cunningham.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, October 22, 2010, at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, with Pastor Jean Ness officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Visitation will be from 10-11 a.m. prior to the service.

Memorials will be to the city of Ligonier's gift/farmers' market fund, 103 W. 3rd St., Ligonier, IN 46767.

Online condolences may be sent to [www.yeagerfuneralhome.com](http://www.yeagerfuneralhome.com)

# Dead body found

## Police identify man found in wooded area

BY MATT GETTS

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KENDALLVILLE — Authorities have determined that the man found Monday evening in a wooded area south of the 300 block of West Wayne Street was a suicide victim.

The man was a 39-year-old resident of Kendallville.

According to Noble County Coroner Dr. Terry Gaff, the man died of asphyxiation by strangulation.

Police were dispatched to the area at about 6 p.m. to investigate a report of a dead body.

An autopsy was performed Tuesday afternoon.

Gaff did say the man had been dead for "more than a few days."

According to Kendallville Police Department Detective Lance Waters, the body was discovered by a person walking a game trail. The body was found north of the railroad tracks and to the east of the Water Pollution Control plant.



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**Herman Ellert**

WATERLOO — Herman J. Ellert, 91, of Waterloo died Monday, October 18, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.



**Mr. Ellert**

Herman was born in Waterloo on February 20, 1919, to the late Anthony Dan and Margaret (Blomeke) Ellert. He was a lifetime farmer.

He was a U.S. Army WWII veteran and was a Purple Heart recipient.

He was a lifetime member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Waterloo.

He was also a lifetime member of the Waterloo VFW and D.A.V. (Disabled American Veterans). He was a member of the American Legion Post 97 of Auburn.

He married Eulalia Traxler on April 9, 1947, in St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla and she survives.

He is also survived by a son, Edward (Penny) Ellert of Waterloo; five daughters, Jane (Jackie Pranger) Ellert of Fort Wayne, Beverly (Jack) Bireley of Hamilton, Doris (Norb) Miller of Waterloo, Maxine (Frank) Dunn of Waterloo and Janet (Terry) Kurtz of Edon, Ohio; a daughter-in-law, Beverly Ellert of Bryan, Ohio; 15 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Howard Ellert; a grandson, Alex Ellert; four brothers; and a sister.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be 11 a.m. Friday, October 22, 2010, at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Waterloo, with Father David Carkenord officiating. Burial will be in St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery, Waterloo.

**Mary Watkins**

ANGOLA — Mary Louise Brown Watkins, 79, of Angola, died Tuesday, October 19, 2010, surrounded by her family.

Graveside services will be held 11:00 a.m. Saturday at the Flint Cemetery, Flint, Ind. A life celebration will follow the graveside services at 7522 W. 50 N. at the river.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the charity of donors choice.

Arrangements are being handled by H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Angola.

**Martha Wallace**

FORT WAYNE — Martha Jean Wallace, 88, of Fort Wayne died Monday, Oct. 18, 2010, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Graveside services will be at 2:30 p.m. Thursday at Prairie Grover Cemetery, 6312 Old Trail Road, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society, 111 E. Ludwig Road, No. 105, Fort Wayne, IN 46825-4240.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of arrangements.

**Ilene Baker**

CHURUBUSCO — Ilene E. Baker, 97, of Churubusco died Monday, Oct. 18, 2010, at her home.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Churubusco United Methodist Church Soup Ministry, 750 N. Main St., Churubusco IN 46723 or to Heartland Home Health Care & Hospice, 1315 Directors Row, No. 210, Fort Wayne, IN 46808.

Calling is Thursday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, Waterloo, with a rosary recited at 7:30 p.m. There will also be calling one hour prior to the service at the church Friday from 10 to 11 a.m.

Memorials can be directed to the church.

To view an obituary online or send condolences visit [fellerandclark.com](http://fellerandclark.com)

*The Family of  
Kimberly Temple-Farren*



Wishes to thank all her friends and relatives who came to visit, and sent cards or flowers during her time of illness and passing. We would also like to thank Trinity United Methodist Pastor Scott Pattison and the church members for their services and prayers, Parkview North Healthcare and the visiting nurse and hospice home of Fort Wayne for their exceptional care and compassion, also Four

County Area Vocational Co-op and Hite Funeral home for their professionalism. Also thank you to the cities of Garrett & Kendallville.



**ALBION NEW ERA**

Albion, IN

October 20, 2010, Wednesday

**Delver M. Halsey, 84**

Delver M. Halsey, age 84, went home to be with the Lord on October 17, 2010 at 8:50 PM at his home in Albion.

He was born on October 8, 1926 in Wolcottville, Indiana and was the son of John and Lula (Gevedon) Halsey. He has lived his lifetime in the Noble county area.

Mr. Halsey married Tona May Fulk on July 4, 1953 in Arcola, Indiana. She survives in Albion.

He was a farmer for 27 years and a car salesman for Publix Buick in Kendallville. He owned two car lots and was a former co-owner of Brand's Car Wash in Kendallville. He could restore a car from the frame up. He served his country in the Army during WWII.

A loving husband, and loving father to all of his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He enjoyed golf, playing the piano, and harmonica, farming and traveling. He also loved spending time with his family and friends.

Dad, we love you and will miss you forever.

Other survivors include his children; Karen Halsey of Ligonier, Craig Halsey of Kendallville, and Pam Halsey Fisher of South Milford. Three grandchildren; Skyla Dawn Halsey Harrison, Jeremy Lynn Day, and Colton Steven Fisher. A sister; Justine Gaff of Green Acres, Florida, and two brothers; Ralleigh Halsey of Kimmell, and Marion Halsey of Cromwell.

He is preceded in death by his parents, a son, Dennis Halsey, and brothers and sisters, Patty Macy, Dora Lawson, Fred Halsey, Albert Halsey, Warren Halsey, Denny Halsey, and Stella Halsey.

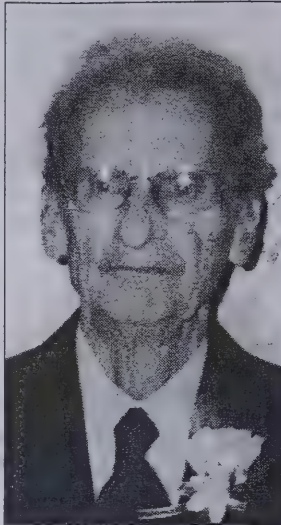
Funeral services for Mr. Halsey will be on Wednesday, October 20, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. at The Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic in Albion. Rev. Benny Archer will officiate.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the funeral at the church.

Burial will be at Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Memorials may go to the Parkview Whitley Hospice.

Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion is in charge of arrangements.



## ALBION NEW ERA

Albion, IN

October 20, 2010, Wednesday

### **Martha Land, 88**

Martha "Mrs. Cecil" Land, 88, a resident of Fort Wayne and a native of Noble County, passed away at 11:22 p.m. on Wednesday, October 13, 2010, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne following a lengthy battle with Alzheimer's Disease.

Mrs. Land was born in Merriam on November 5, 1921, a daughter of Nicholas and Etta May (Addis) Heron. She spent her formative years in Noble Township, and graduated from Wolf Lake High School in 1940.

She was previously employed as a billing clerk at Indiana & Michigan Electric in Fort Wayne for 11 years, and had also worked for several years at Peerless Cleaners in Fort Wayne. On May 6, 1961 she was united in marriage to Cecil M. Land, and had been a homemaker since that time. The family had lived in Plant City, Florida for 25 years before returning to Fort Wayne in 1989.

A 50-year member of Waynedale Order of the Eastern Star 600, she was a dog lover, enjoyed NASCAR, and always helped those in need. In recent years she attended Sarah Care and A Day Away Adult Day Care, where she enjoyed sing-alongs.

Mr. Land preceded her in death on October 18, 1991.

The surviving relatives include her devoted daughter Golda "Goldie" Land of Fort Wayne; her beloved pets Rusty and Frosty; a sister MaryJane Paulus of Columbia City; a sister-in-law Viva Herron Cook of Montpelier, Ohio; a brother-in-law Russell Utley of Goshen; special friends Liz Batten, and Larry and Teresa Zent and extended families; several nieces and nephews; and many friends.

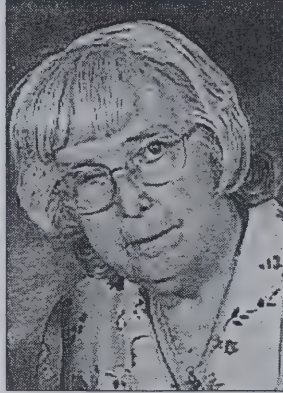
In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two sisters and three brothers.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, October 16, 2010, at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Rev. Lane Burgland, pastor of Faith Lutheran Church, officiating.

Interment was in the Oak Hill Cemetery, Plymouth.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to A Day Away, 1701 Freeman St., Fort Wayne, IN 46802; or to the family.

To leave an online condolence for the family in Mrs. Land's memory, log on to [www.sheetsandchilds.net](http://www.sheetsandchilds.net)



**ALBION NEW ERA**  
**Albion, IN**  
**October 20, 2010, Wednesday**

**Jeffery L. Morris, 53**

Jeffery L. Morris, 53, a resident of rural Churubusco, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, October 17, 2010, at his home.

Mr. Morris was born in Columbia City on September 25, 1957, the oldest son of Ronald E. and Marna (Smolek) Morris. He was a lifelong resident of the Churubusco community, and graduated from Churubusco High School in 1976.

For the past 12 years he had been employed at Wal Mart on Coldwater Road in Fort Wayne.

The surviving relatives include his parents Ron and Marna Morris of Churubusco; two brothers Phillip (Lisa) Morris of Greenfield and Brent (Emelia) Morris of Albion; his maternal grandmother Gladys Cleland of North Manchester; an aunt and uncle Larry and Sue Morris of Warsaw; a niece Jessica Morris; and a nephew Jacob Morris.

Private family services were held at the mortuary with Rev. Corinne K. Boruff, pastor of Churubusco United Methodist Church, officiating.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the Humane Society of Whitley County, P. O. Box 245, Columbia City, IN 46725

To leave an online condolence for the family in Mr. Morris' memory, log on to [www.sheetsandchilds.net](http://www.sheetsandchilds.net)

**Joy Leanne Mueller, 79**

Joy Leanne Mueller, age 79, died Friday October 15, 2010 at her home in LaOtto.

She was born on September 20, 1931 in Garrett, Indiana.

Cremation has taken place. Arrangements were entrusted by Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel.



## ALBION NEW ERA

Albion, IN

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### **Philip Edward Treesh, 71**

Philip Edward Treesh, age 71, went to meet the Lord on Friday, October 15, 2010 at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

He was born on April 22, 1939 in Kosciusko County and was the son of Luther Edward and Helen Irene (Lightfoot) Treesh. His father died in 1988 and his mother died in 2007. He spent his lifetime in the Noble County area, spending most of his adult life in Kendallville.

Mr. Treesh was a dairy and grain farmer for most of his life and also was a property insurance adjustor and insurance underwriter.

On October 2, 1959 he married Delores Jean Conrad at the Albion EUB Church in Albion. She survives in Kendallville.

He was a very active member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion, where he was a Sunday school teacher for many years, and was a member of the Gideon's International. He was a 14 year member of the Board of Directors of Federal Land Bank, and served as President of the Board for 9 years. He was a twelve year member of the Board of Directors of the Noble County Farm Bureau.

Mr. Treesh was a 4H Leader and during the Noble County 4H Fair he was the Auction announcer for 35 years. He enjoyed playing cards and being with his family.

Other survivors include; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Kevin and Madeline Treesh of Darien, Connecticut and Andrew Treesh of Avilla. Three daughters and sons-in-law; Kim A. and Mark Miller of Marion, Indiana; Amanda M. "Mindy" and Doug Jones of Kendallville; Dorinda J. "Dodi" and Shirona Gunawardhana of Fort Wayne. Grandchildren; Meagan (Michael) O'Neill, Brant (Lindsay) Miller, Arthur Jones, Chandy Jones, Philip R. Treesh, Catherine Treesh,

Claire Treesh, and Zen Gunawardhana.

Four brothers; Doyle T. (Annemarie) Treesh of Jasper, Georgia; James M. (Linda) Treesh of Wasilla, Alaska; Robert (Pat) Treesh of Kendallville and Lloyd (Rita) Treesh of Avilla. Three sisters and one brother-in-law, Rosemary (Floyd) Uhl of Godfrey, Illinois; Janet R. Mendenhall of Albion and Mirian K. Hunt of St. Joe, Missouri.

Funeral services for Mr. Treesh will be Monday, October 18, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion. Pastor Bret Frymier will officiate.

Calling will be on Sunday from 2 until 8 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, 771 Trail Ridge Rd. Calling is also one hour prior to the funeral on Monday.

Burial following the funeral will be at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Pallbearers will be Brant Miller, Michale O'Neill, Arthur Jones, Philip R. Treesh, Joseph Treesh and Ryan Treesh.

Please make memorials to Trinity United Methodist Church or to Gideons International.

ALBION NEW ERA  
Albion, IN  
October 20, 2010, Wednesday

**Earl W. Richmond, 87**

Earl W. Richmond, 87, of Auburn died Tuesday, Oct. 12, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.



Mr. Richmond worked for Warner Gear in Auburn for 37 years, retiring in 1983.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army serving during World War II.

He attended Soul's Harbor Assembly of God in rural Auburn.

He was born Feb. 13, 1923, in Garrett, to Jacob and Eliza (Chambers) Richmond. He married Donna J. Bainbridge on Nov. 27, 1942, in Albion. She died Aug. 7, 2009.

Surviving are a son and his domestic partner, Ted Richmond and Richard DeCamp of Rising Sun; two daughters and sons-in-law, Coleen and Allen Adams of Yoder and Chris and Nick Menges of Auburn; four grandchildren and their spouses, Shay and Kocoa Menges of Nashville, Tenn., Barry and Andrea Menges of Auburn, Jess Menges of Auburn and Chet Willard of Fort Wayne; and a great-granddaughter, Tenley Menges of Nashville, Tenn.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; two brothers, James Richmond and Wilford Richmond; and five sisters, Wanda Richmond, Alma Burtch, Hilda Mahnesmith, Inez Walter and Evelyn Dalrymple.

There will be no calling or services. Burial will take place in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home in Waterloo is handling arrangements.

To view and online obituary or to send condolences, visit [www.fellerandclark.com](http://www.fellerandclark.com)

ALBION NEW ERA  
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October 20, 2010, Wednesday

## **Patricia A. Copeland, 68**

Patricia A. Copeland, 68, of North Webster, IN passed away at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, October 15, 2010 at Millers Merry Manor in Syracuse, IN. She was born on June 29, 1942 in Paintsville, KY to Taylor Ray & Dorothy Virginia (Miles) Horne.

She attended Kentucky Public Schools and was married on May 11, 2003 in Warsaw, IN to Kenneth L. "Ken" Copeland who survives. She formerly worked at Ball Cannery in Milford and McDonald's Restaurant in Warsaw. She moved to North Webster in April 2009 from Albion, IN but lived most of her life in the Warsaw area and formerly attended the God's Highway to Heaven Church in Warsaw.

She is survived by; husband – Ken Copeland of North Webster; daughter – Dorothy Dickerson of Winona Lake, IN; two sons – Jeff (wife, Christy) Lawrence of Cromwell & Steven (wife, Kathy) Lawrence of Warsaw; ten grandchildren; five step-children; 16 step-grand and six step great-grandchildren; six sisters – Mrs. Kenny (Vicky) Fulford of Martinsville, IN; Mrs. Rueben (Sandra) Hicks of Kendallville, IN; Mrs. Phillip (Jenny) Fretz of Winona Lake; Peggy Worsham of Warsaw; Cora Horne of Warsaw; and Lois Eichelberger of Warsaw; two brothers – Thomas (wife, Ellen) Horne of Kenton, OH and Jimmy Horne of Warsaw.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two granddaughters - Alexis Nichole and Kaitlyn Victoria Dickerson, two sisters – Sharon Kay and Margie Ellen Horne, and brother – John Douglas Horne.

Funeral services were in the funeral home with Rev. Robert Brown of the church officiating. Burial was in the North Webster Cemetery (Mock Addition).

Memorial bequest may be given to the Patricia Copeland Funeral Fund, c/o Owen Family Funeral Home, P.O. Box 72, North Webster, IN 46555.



ALBION NEW ERA  
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**Anita Darlene Peters, 76**

Anita Darlene Peters, age 76, died on Tuesday, October 12, 2010 at North Ridge Village Nursing Home in Albion.

She was born on May 15, 1934 in Galesburg, Illinois and was the daughter of Holmer Hough and Mildred (Cook) Moorhouse Bortner. She has been a lifetime member of the Albion community.

Mrs. Peters had a wide range of work and business experience, including working at the American Legion Post 246 in Albion, Miller's Merry Manor in Ligonier, and Parkview Home Health Care.

She loved writing, and she often wrote a personal column for the News Sun newspaper, and she also enjoyed gardening, cooking, and sewing. She was a member of the Albion American Legion Post 246 Women's Auxiliary and the Albion Eagles.

Surviving are four daughters and two sons-in-law, Ingrid (Ken) Lochamire of LaGrange; Monica Wilson of Fort Wayne; Bonita Wilson of Kendallville, and Amy (Tim) Budreau of Fowler, Indiana. A son, Mark Peters of Angola, nine grandchildren and three brothers, Edward Moorhouse, John Moorhouse, and Joseph Moorhouse, all of Albion.

She is preceded in death by her parents, and a sister, Katherine Merriman.

Visitation will be on Sunday, October 24, 2010 from 3 until 5 p.m. with a memorial service beginning at 5:00 at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

Cremation will take place, with final burial at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Please make memorials to Northridge Village Nursing Home.

**THE NEWS SUN**  
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**Robert Hite**

LIGONIER — Robert "Jake" Hite, age 75, of Ligonier passed away on Wednesday, October 20, 2010, at his residence as the result of natural causes.



**Mr. Hite**

Robert was born on May 29, 1935, in Ligonier, Ind., to Harold and Oakey (Switzer) Hite.

He graduated from Ligonier High School in 1953 and went on to serve his country honorably in the United States Army from 1958 to 1961.

On June 30, 1962, he married Ruth Renner. She survives.

Mr. Hite was a lifelong area resident. He worked for Johnson Controls for 45 years, retiring in 1996. Mr. Hite also worked on the ambulance for five years.

He enjoyed riding motorcycles, hunting with his dad and stepmother, fishing and camping.

He was a member of the CB Radio Club.

Survivors include his wife of 48 years, Ruth Hite of Ligonier; daughters, Amy Griffith and friend Mike Adams of Syracuse, Sandy (DeWayne) Bontrager of Ligonier, and Betty Conwell of Columbia City; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and his stepbrother, Robert McNamara of Stroh.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his stepmother.

**Haley Tarlton**

KENDALLVILLE — Haley V. Tarlton, 86, of Kendallville died Wednesday, October 20, 2010, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.



**Mrs. Tarlton**

She was born October 14, 1924, in Handshoe, Ky., the daughter of the late Charlie and Amanda Vanderpool.

She worked at Cooper Engineered Products for 20 years, retiring in 1981.

She is survived by a daughter, Ruth (Ronald) Woehner of Corunna; her sons, Marv (Valerie) Crager of Avilla and David (Julie) Crager of Auburn; her stepsons, Richard Tarlton and Robert Tarlton, both of Tennessee; a stepdaughter, Laura Metcalf of Tennessee; a brother, Bill (Phyllis) Vanderpool of Wolcottville; a sister, Effie Hughes of Martin, Ky.; her grandchildren, Alan Woehner, Lisa Wichman, Amanda Lutter, Emily Nelson, Jeremy Crager, Kimberly Crager and Travis Crager; 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Willie Crager, and her second husband, Richard M. Tarlton.

Funeral services will be Saturday 11 a.m. at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Brother Bud Owen will be officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery.

Visitation will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home and also one hour prior to the service.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association or Provena Sacred Heart Home.

To sign the online guest book or to leave a condolence, visit [www.pinningtonmccomb.com](http://www.pinningtonmccomb.com)

A funeral service will be held Monday, October 25, 2010, at 3 p.m. at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, Ind., with Pastor Byron Kaiser officiating.

Friends may call from noon until 3 p.m. prior to the funeral service on Monday. Internment will take place in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier, Ind.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Goshen Care at Home Hospice, 1926 W. Lincoln Ave., Goshen, IN 46526

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.yeagerfuneralhome.com](http://www.yeagerfuneralhome.com)

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**John Burns**

HOLLAND, Mich. — John Charles Burns, formerly of Ligonier, died Oct. 4, 2010, in Holland Mich. He was 74.

Charles was born Sept. 26, 1936, in Rome City, Ind., to William "Harvey" and Mildred (Cornforth) Burns, who preceded him in death. He married Karin Billert in Wurzburg, Germany, on March 3, 1995. She preceded him in death on Sept. 21, 2007.

He was a graduate of Ligonier High School, class of 1954, and also was a graduate of Purdue University in 1958.

He is survived by three children, Elizabeth of Chicago, Gregory of New York and Douglas of Crown Point, Ind.; three grandchildren; one great-grandchild; two brothers, David (Karen) Burns of Ligonier and Bruce (Connie) Burns of Brushy Prairie, Ind.; and two sisters, Elaine (Jim) Bowers of Munroe Falls, Ohio, and Wilma (John) Doyle of Macedonia, Ohio.

Mr. Burns retired after 32 years of service in the U.S.



**Mr. Burns**

Army, as a captain. He worked for the United States government in Germany where he met his wife, Karin.

He loved his children, grandchildren and great-grandchild. He also liked to travel the world and visited more than 70 countries. He liked economics and warned everyone about the upcoming collapse long before it happened.

He was in Germany when the Iron Curtain and Berlin Wall came down and said there must be a God for an occurrence.

He also adored his dog, Maxie.

He was preceded in death by his wife, parents and two brothers, Jim and Winton.

A memorial service for Mr. Burns will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 23, 2010, at Trinity Assembly of God Church on West Union Street, Ligonier.

**Ray Hurst**

KENDALLVILLE — Ray Allen Hurst, 39, of Kendallville was discovered missing in July and was found on Monday, Oct. 18, 2010.

Mr. Hurst was a self-employed carpenter.



**Mr. Hurst**

He graduated from East Noble High School in 1989.

He was born in Portage, Wis., on June 20, 1971, to Raymond Clay Hurst and Anna Marie (Petre) Klöepper.

Surviving are his mother, Anna Kloepper of Albion; a daughter, Chelsey Hurst of Kendallville; a son, Tyler Hurst of Kendallville; a brother, Glen and Sonya Hurst of Kendallville; a sister, Paula Nicholson of South Carolina; a grandfather, Andrew Petre of Albion; and aunts and uncles.

He was preceded in death by his father, Raymond Clay Hurst, and his maternal grandmother, Mary Irene Petre.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the New Life Tabernacle, 609 Patty Lane, Kendallville.

A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at the church with Pastor James Archambeault officiating.

Memorials are to the family.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Send a condolence to the family or view a video tribute by Friday at [www.hitefuneralhome.com](http://www.hitefuneralhome.com)



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## Mary Watkins

ANGOLA — Mary Louise Brown Watkins crossed over to glory on Tuesday, October 19, 2010, surrounded by her loved ones.

Mary was born December 26, 1930, in Defiance County, Ohio, to Ezra Clarence and Mabel L. (Jump) Brown. She was raised by her mom and stepdad, Joseph Lee Clark.

Mary was a Weatherhead retiree and a proud member of UAW local 1406, until the day she died.

She was the official Scrabble champion of the family and took great joy in gardening, reading and nurturing all of her family.

She was married to Larry G. Watkins who preceded her in death in 1991. They were married September 28, 1948, in Angola, Indiana.

She is survived by three sons and two daughters and their spouses: Larry (Mel) and Lori Watkins of Chesterton, Ind., and Rose M. (Watkins) and Gary Michael of Fremont, John and Cindy Watkins of Flint, James R. Watkins of Angola, Rebecca June (Watkins) and Terry Owens of Allen, Michigan.

She was blessed with 20 grandchildren and their spouses, Amber (Bruce) Schwartz, Wendy Watkins, Carrie (David) Coslov, Benjamin (Lora) Watkins, Stepanie (David) Lawrence, Lazarus Hall, Caleb Rose, Nathan Rose, Abby Miller, Jessica Speicher, Adam (Jami) Speicher, Tony Speicher, Jonathan Watkins,



**Mrs. Watkins**

Zachary Watkins, Jonah Watkins, Jim Cole, Terry Owens Jr., Megan Owens, and Laura Owens. She took extraordinary delight in her great-grandchildren: Kyle Schwartz, Jacob Hamm, Joseph Hamm, Marley LaBreck, Kelvin LaBreck, Reuben Coslov, Sylvia Coslov, Chloe Watkins, Macey Watkins, Cooper Watkins, Griffin Watkins, Emree Watkins, Shannon

Hall, Dallas Quillen, Dawn Lawrence, Rebecca Hall, Gabriel Hall, Brayden Speicher, Dylan Cole, Haylee Cole, Riley Cole, Adam Owens, Autumn Owens, and Skyler Owens.

She is survived by one brother and his wife, William and Coleen Clark of Churubusco, Ind.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, and stepfather; two sisters, Ercal Tuto and Annalea Brown; three brothers, Wilbur, Robert, and Ralph Brown; three daughters, Shannon Kay Watkins, DeAnna L. Watkins, Jeanie Recore; and one granddaughter, Heather Jeane Recore.

Graveside services will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, October 23, 2010, at the Flint Cemetery, Flint, Indiana.

A Life Celebration will be at 7522 W. C.R. 50N at the river immediately after the graveside service.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the charity of donor's choice.

Arrangements are being handled by H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Angola, Indiana. To sign the online guest book go to [www.hejohnsonfh.com](http://www.hejohnsonfh.com)

## Anna Shanyfelt

AUBURN — Anna Rose Shanyfelt, 67, of Auburn died Tuesday, October 19, 2010, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.



**Mrs. Shanyfelt**

She was born December 13, 1942, in Fort Wayne to Albert and Zola (King) Love.

She was a homemaker.

She married Henry Shanyfelt on December 9, 1959, and he survives.

She is also survived by five sons, Daniel E. (Sandra) Shanyfelt of Garrett, Herbert Wayne Shanyfelt of Cleveland, Ohio, Mark Allen (Lori) Shanyfelt of Auburn, Brian Neal Shanyfelt of Auburn, and Marty L. Thomas of Garrett; 13 grandchildren including Justin Heileman and Theresa Egly of Auburn; and 16 great-grandchildren; and a brother, Charles (Judy) Thomas of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Beth Ann Heileman; a grandson; a brother; and five sisters.

Services will be 11 a.m. Saturday, October 23, 2010, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Pastor Shawn Browning officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery, Waterloo.

Calling is Friday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials can be directed to American Cancer Society.

To view an obituary online or send condolences visit [fellerandclark.com](http://fellerandclark.com)

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**Frances Wolf**

KENDALLVILLE — Frances V. Wolf, 89, of Oldsmar, Fla., and formerly of Avilla, died Saturday, Oct. 16, 2010, in Mease Countryside Hospital in Safety Harbor, Fla.

Mrs. Wolf had lived in Florida 15 years, moving there from Avilla.

While living in Avilla, she was an active member of Immanuel Lutheran Church and the American Legion Auxilliary.

For many years she worked in the office of the Avilla News and the office of the town clerk. She also worked part-time in the office of the Community United Methodist Church in Oldsmar, Fla., where she was a member.

She was born April 11, 1921, in Sioux City, Iowa, to Orlando Harold and Mary Hazel (McNealy) Tremaine. She married Charles Frederick Wolf on Jan. 20, 1946, at Fort Logan, Colo. He preceded her in death on June 15, 1991.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Charles and Judy Wolf of Kendallville; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Sharon and Rich Vendrely of Sebring, Fla., Pat and Max Cleland of Oldsmar, Fla., and Debra Wolf of Holiday, Fla.; seven grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.



**Mrs. Wolf**

**Earline Blankenbecler**

LIGONIER — Earline Blankenbecler of Ligonier died Tuesday, Oct. 19, 2010, at Miller's Merry Manor in Syracuse.

Visitation will be at 4-7 p.m. today at Yeager Funeral Home, Ligonier.

Additional visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at Buford-Sturgill Funeral Home, 1621 Norton Road, SW, Wise, VA.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday. Burial will be in Blankenbecler Family Cemetery in Stephens, Va.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Floor 17, Chicago, IL 60601 or Goshen Care at Home Hospice, 1926 W. Lincoln Ave., Goshen, IN 46526.

A memorial service will be held at Community United Methodist Church in Oldsmar, Fla., on Saturday, Nov. 6.

Burial will be in Avilla Lutheran Cemetery.

A celebration of life service is being planned for a later date at the grave site.

Preferred memorials are to A Prosperous Living Group Home, 5253 Flora Ave., Holiday, FL, 34690, Immanuel Lutheran Church, 213 W. Albion St., Avilla, IN 46710, or Community United Methodist Church, 207 Buckingham Ave. East, Oldsmar, FL 34677.

Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, is in charge of local arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.youngfamilyfuneraho.me.com](http://www.youngfamilyfuneraho.me.com)

**THE NEWS SUN**  
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**Smalley Lake death  
an apparent suicide**

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**SMALLEY LAKE —**

The death of a Kimmell woman found at Smalley Lake Wednesday morning was apparently a suicide, according to the Noble County coroner.

Coroner Dr. Terry Gaff said Thursday the victim was a 52-year-old Kimmell woman.

Autopsy results and the investigation at the scene indicate that the death was apparently a suicide by a gunshot wound to the head, Gaff said. However, while all the evidence thus far is consistent with a suicide, there are still loose ends to be tied up and other possibilities still exist, he said.

The investigation continues, Gaff said.

**Walter Hunter**

LAGRANGE — Walter N. Hunter, 78, of LaGrange and formerly of Wolcottville, died Wednesday, October 20, 2010 at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Hunter was lifetime resident of LaGrange and Noble counties.

He was a U.S. Army Korean War veteran.

Mr. Hunter was a truck driver and had worked for the Indiana State Highway Department.

He was a member of the Meridian Sun Lodge 76 F. & A.M. in LaGrange, Scottish Rite and Mizpah Shrine both of Fort Wayne, LaGrange Moose Lodge 1351, LaGrange American Legion Post 215, and the VFW and Eagles Lodge, both of Kendallville.

He was born June 20, 1932, in LaGrange County to Joseph and Vivian (Tyson) Hunter. He married Dixie Lee Hart on Feb. 22, 1958 in Wolcottville. She preceded him in death Oct. 14, 2000.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Andrew N. and Laura J. Hunter of Shipshewana and Joseph R. and Angela F. Hunter of Kendallville; his companion, Lois M. Friskney of Kendallville; and nine grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Nedra Hunter Krebs and Barbara Hunter Mault.



**Mr. Hunter**

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, with the Rev. Carledean Merrifield officiating. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery, Wolcottville, with a military graveside service conducted by LaGrange American Legion Post 215.

Visitation will be from 2-5:30 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. The Meridian Sun Lodge 76 F. & A.M. will conduct a Masonic service at 5:30 pm.

Memorials are to Shriner's Children's Hospital.

Condolences may be left for the family at [www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com](http://www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com)



**THE NEWS SUN**  
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**Helen Sylvester**

FORT WAYNE — Helen R. Sylvester, 86, died Wednesday, October 20, 2010 at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. She was born on March 22, 1924.



**Mrs.  
Sylvester**

She was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond L. Sylvester, and eight brothers and sisters.

Surviving are her children, Linda L. Sylvester of Fort Myers Beach, Fla., Dianna S. Raskosky of Hamilton, Raymond L. Sylvester Jr. of Fremont, Steven E. Sylvester of Angola, Debra K. Rodriguez of Angola, Jill R. Perry of Fremont and Kelly A. Moreau of Garrett; her sister, Eleanor Price of Syracuse; nieces and nephews; and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, 420 W. Wayne St., Fort Wayne, with visitation one hour prior to the service. Burial will be in Swan Cemetery in LaOtto.

Visitation will also be from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Muscular Dystrophy Association at [www.mdausa.org](http://www.mdausa.org), or Parkview Home Health and Hospice at 1900 Carew St. Fort Wayne, IN 46805.

Send condolences to [www.klaehnfahlmelton.com](http://www.klaehnfahlmelton.com)

**Timothy**

**VanDerbosch**

LAS VEGAS, Nev. — Timothy VanDerbosch, 50, of Las Vegas died Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2010.

Arrangements are pending at Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett

**Mildred Harreld**

LAOTTO — Mildred Pauline Harreld, 95, a former resident of Ege and more recently of Snellville, Ga., died Tuesday, October 19, 2010, at Golden Living-Medical Arts in Lawrenceville, Ga.

Funeral services will be at 1 p. m. Saturday at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Denise Heller

officiating. Burial will be in Gardens of Memory, Huntington County.

Visitation will be two hours prior to the service at the funeral home.

**THE NEWS SUN**  
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**Mildred Harreld**

LAOTTO — Mildred Pauline Harreld, 95, a former resident of Ege and more recently of Snellville, Georgia, died at 8:24 a.m. on Tuesday, October 19, 2010, at Golden Living-Medical Arts in Lawrenceville, Georgia, following a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Harreld was born on June 3, 1915 in Marion, a daughter of Paul and Mildred (Smith) Dooley. She spent her formative years on the family farm north of Marion, and graduated from Marion High School.

She married Albert M. Harreld and moved to Ege in 1950 from Fort Wayne. Mr. Harreld preceded her in death on July 18, 1968.

She had been employed at Dana Corporation in Churubusco for several years, retiring in 1989.

The surviving relatives include her daughters and a son-in-law, Alberta and Duane L. Sams of Howe, and Arlene Owens of Snellville, Ga; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Merrill Dean and Connie Dooley of Indianapolis and Melvin "Mick" and Doris Dooley of Warren; six grandchildren, and 17 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a brother, Kenneth Dooley; and by two sisters, Wilodean McKee and Anne Lorene Purvis.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p. m. Saturday, October 23, 2010, at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Rev. Denise Heller, associate pastor of First United Methodist Church in LaGrange, officiating. Burial will be in Gardens of Memory, Huntington County.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home two hours prior to the service Saturday afternoon.

To leave an online condolence for the family, visit [www.sheetsandchilds.net](http://www.sheetsandchilds.net)

**Rhonda Gustin**

MONTICELLO — Rhonda J. Gustin, 55, of Montgomery, Mich., and formerly of the Monticello area, died Thursday, Oct. 21, 2010, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Gustin had been a hairdresser in the Monticello area for several years, and more recently, was a cashier at Meijer in Angola.

She attended Twin Lakes High School, and also Ivy Tech College.

She was born June 19, 1955, at Corona, Calif., to Roundell and Shirley (Havlin) Harris. She married Roger A. Gustin on Aug. 5, 1988, at Idaville. He survives.

Also surviving are her father, Roundell (Sandy) Harris of Lafayette; her sons, David (Lesa) Hanna of Hawley, Minn., and Daryl Hanna of Rensselaer; her grandmother, Alean Harris of Monticello; her brothers, Roundell (Sandra) Harris Jr. of Carmel, and Brian (Stacy) Harris of Greenwood; her sisters, Victoria (Jim) Kirk of Medaryville, Theresa Green of Lafayette, Linda (Bobby) Henwood of Yankee Town, Fla., and Heather Harris of Monticello; and six grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. on Tuesday at Springer-Voorhis-Draper Funeral Home of Monticello.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home with Pastor David Harris officiating. Burial will follow at Riverview I.O.O.F. Cemetery, rural Monticello.

You may sign the online guestbook at [www.springervoorhisdraper.com](http://www.springervoorhisdraper.com)

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**Ethel Ewing**

ALBION — Ethel Mae Ewing, 96, of Noble County died Thursday, Oct. 21, 2010, at Northridge Village, Albion, where she had been a resident since March.

She was born Oct. 5, 1914, in Sandusky, Ohio, to Franklin C. and Bertha (Corl) Ellis. She married Ernest Leland Ewing on July 21, 1951. He died Dec. 7, 1992.

Surviving are two daughters, Mary A. (Ken) Clark of Hudson and Yvonne K. (Bill) Baker of Cromwell; six grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, David Ewing; a daughter, Beverly Newville; three brothers, Walter Ellis, Homer Ellis and Dale "Frenchy" Ellis; and a sister, Marguerite L. Gray Norman.

Funeral services will be at noon Monday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to noon Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health & Hospice.

Condolences may be sent to [www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com](http://www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com)

**Charles Spidel**

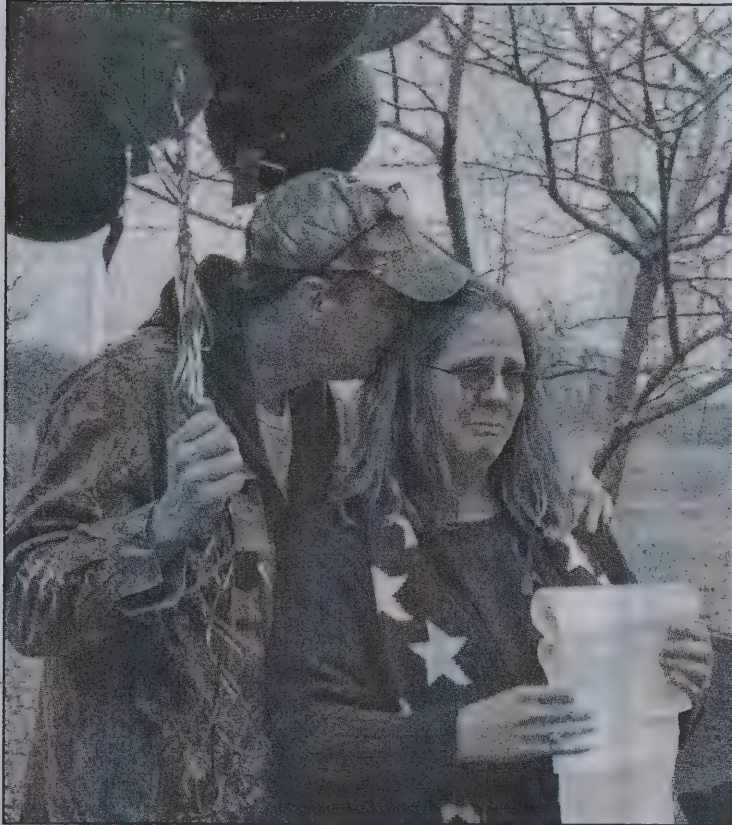
KENDALLVILLE — Funeral services for Charles Eugene Spidel, 79, of Amarillo, Texas, and formerly of the Kendallville area, will be at 11 a.m. Nov. 6 at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Kurtis Spidel officiating.

Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery in LaGrange County.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the funeral service.



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CRAIG HAUPERT

Eric Musilek comforts his wife, Sherry, while she talks about the day she learned her father and stepmother were found murdered in their home in Mongo Oct. 21, 2005. The Musileks held a memorial service for the Terry and Darleen Anderson Saturday at Mongo Community Cemetery.

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# Mongo homicide victims remembered

**BY CRAIG HAUPERT**

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MONGO — Eric Musilek put his arms around his crying wife, Sherry, and kissed her gently on the head.

As tears ran down her face, Sherry continued to speak about the day she learned her father, Terry Anderson, and stepmother, Darleen Anderson, had been murdered.

"It all seemed like a horrible nightmare. No, make that a Stephen King book," said Sherry, standing beside the Andersons' grave marker Saturday at Mongo Community Cemetery. "I couldn't stop shaking as the detective told me this awful, morbid information about how my family — my father and my stepmother — had been found beaten.

"Who could have done such a horrible crime? Why would somebody murder my family?"

Sherry still does not know the answers to those questions; even five years after the Andersons were

found brutally beaten to death at their home in Mongo on Oct. 21, 2005.

To that end, Sherry and her husband have held a memorial service for the Andersons at Mongo Community Cemetery each year around the same time of the murders. Sherry wants to keep the case in the public's eye with the hope that someday it will be solved. She has even offered a \$20,000 reward for information leading to the conviction of the person or persons responsible for the murders.

"I decided if my dad and Darleen can't be here to tell the story of the who, what and why then I, as a broken-hearted daughter ... need to find the answers to bring justice to their souls and piece to my heart," she said.

"This is a small town. Somebody knows what happened."

More than 30 people attended Saturday's memorial service.

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## **MEMORIAL:** *Clues to a murder sent aloft with red, black balloons*

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Pastor James Bartlett of the Mongo & East Springfield United Methodist Church opened the service with Bible readings and a song. After Sherry's reading, dozens of red and black biodegradable balloons were released into the overcast sky. Attached to each balloon was a red card containing links to information about the case.

Sherry hopes that the information will reach

someone who can help.

"I have to continue to keep their unsolved homicides active and alive until their murders are solved," she said.

Those wanting more information on the case can visit the websites [terryanddarleen.com](http://terryanddarleen.com) or [myspace.com/terryanddarleen](http://myspace.com/terryanddarleen)

Anyone with information regarding the case is encouraged to call Crime Stoppers at (800) 342-STOP.



# 'Integrity' was his middle name

## Norman Gerig earned respect in community and state

BY DAVE KURTZ

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AUBURN — In his best-known role, Norman Gerig of Auburn served his community as a county clerk, state representative and city councilman.

People who knew him closely saw many more sides of Mr. Gerig, who died Oct. 7 at the age of 85.

For 58 years, he helped lead the County Line Church of God, south of Auburn, as a trustee, Sunday school teacher and mentor at couples retreats.

Senior pastor Stuart Kruse tells about the first time Mr. Gerig and his late wife, Mary Lou, visited the church as a young couple. At a congregational meeting, someone expressed the opinion that the church did not need new people.

The Gerigs went home thinking it was not the church for them, but soon three couples arrived at their front door, encouraging them to ignore the comments and come back.

Norman Gerig never forgot that, Kruse said, and he supported a vision of the church moving forward and reaching out.

"He always gave that speech of: 'We always can welcome more people into the church,'" Kruse said.

"If Norm said it, people would believe it," Kruse added. "He was a calculated risk-taker. He would push people to do things that were within the realm of possibility."

Many people turned to Mr. Gerig for sound advice about life — including the church's retired pastor, Al Black of Auburn.

"He was kind of my adopted father," Black said. "I went to him for counsel and tapped his wisdom many times about decisions. He was always

ready and very wise about responses."

Black added, "He was a spiritually committed man, committed to Christ, and expressed wisdom and spiritual insight. ... He was very sensitive to the needs of other people."

Mike Gerig had Norman Gerig as his real father, and remembers him as a hard-working, dawn-to-dusk farmer.

At the end of the day, Mike Gerig said, "If I met him at the back steps with my glove, even though I knew he was dead tired, he would always play catch with me. He had to have worked 14 hours ... but he never turned me down."

Later, Mike Gerig said, his parents never missed one of his college football games, driving long distances and enduring rain, sleet and snow. They showed the same commitment to the activities of their other children and their grandchildren, he added.

Many people who grew up in rural Auburn remember Norman Gerig as their school bus driver. On the last day of school each year, he bought every student on the bus a frozen treat from Al Grogg's service station in Auburn.

As a 50-year member of the Auburn Lions Club, Gerig managed to preside over the club successfully even while he faced the many demands on a county clerk.

"He was an extremely conscientious individual," said Hubert Stackhouse of Auburn, a longtime fellow Lion. "That man's middle name should have been 'integrity.'"

"I think he just had a servant's heart," Mike Gerig said. "The public servant was what people saw, but he did a lot of things for our farm community — our neighbors."



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**Norman Gerig retired from the Indiana House of Representatives to care for his wife, Mary Lou, when her health began to fail.**

His strong character served Gerig well in the state Legislature, where he rose to become the ranking Republican member of the powerful House Ways and Means Committee.

He loved the Legislature, his son said, and Gerig probably could have been re-elected indefinitely. But after eight years in Indianapolis, he retired to care for his wife, whose health was failing.

"He just didn't feel good about being away from her," Mike Gerig said. "He gave up something he really loved to take care of someone he loved even more. That was a pretty good life lesson for those of us who were watching."

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**Barbara Ronan**

MARSHALL, Mich. — Barbara L. Ronan, 83, of Marshall, Mich., died Tuesday, Oct. 19, 2010, surrounded by her family at Oaklawn Hospital.

Barb was born on Dec. 11, 1926, in Auburn, to Charles and Helen (Hewitt) Hornett. She graduated from Auburn High School in 1944. She married Keith Ronan in 1956. Their marriage ended in divorce.



**Mrs. Ronan**

Barb worked for the Schuler's Commissary and later would retire from Campbell's Soup, after working 25 years.

She loved the outdoors and especially enjoyed working in her garden, going for walks, bird watching and fishing.

Barb was an avid sports fan and frequently attended Marshall High School sporting events. She was an excellent cook, loved to bake and enjoyed crocheting and embroidery. Barb loved spending time with her family, especially the time she spent with her grandchildren.

She is survived by her son Ken (Christina) Ronan of Battle Creek, Mich.; two daughters, Ann (Larry Neal) Heathcote of Wyoming and Cindy (Terry) Spalding of Batavia, Ill.; and two grandchildren, Brendan Joseph Ronan and Rachel Lynn Spalding. She also is survived by her two sisters, Judith (James) Witherspoon of Garrett and Norma (David) Rhodes of Fort Wayne; and a brother, Harry Lee Hornett of Kendallville.

**Carol Clark**

ANGOLA — Carol Ann Clark, 62, of Angola, died Oct. 16, 2010, at her home.

Graveside services will take place Nov. 6 at 11 a.m. in Allen Cemetery, in Allen, Mich.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or Hospice in Angola.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, Charles Hornett Jr. and Dennis Hornett, and an infant sister, Rose Mary Hornett.

Family will greet friends on Tuesday from 12:30-1:30 p.m. at the Craig K. Kempf Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 723 Old U.S. 27 North, Marshall, Mich., (269) 781-9858. A memorial service will take place at 1:30 p.m. with the Rev. James Codde officiating.

The family requests memorial contributions be made to the Alley Cat Angels (A Feral Cat Rescue Society) or to Binder Park Zoo. Assistance with memorials is available at the Craig K. Kempf Funeral Home and Cremation Services, P.O. Box 519, Marshall, MI 49068. Leave a personal message for the family and sign the online guest book at [kempffuneralhome.com](http://kempffuneralhome.com).

**Fred Zolman**

PIERCETON — Fred Gene Zolman, 63, of Pierceton, died Thursday, Oct. 21, 2010, at 2:58 p.m. in Cromwell.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Victory Rock Church, S.R. 13 South, Pierceton, with Pastor Charlie Trout officiating. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery, Warsaw.

Calling will be Monday from 3-8 p.m. at Redpath-Fruth Funeral Home, 225 Argonne Road, Warsaw.

**Jean Nettrouer**

LAGRANGE — Jean E. Nettrouer, 91, of LaGrange, died Saturday, Oct. 23, 2010, at her home.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange. Burial will be in Union Center Cemetery, Nappanee.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Lakeview United Methodist Church.



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**Calvin Fleming**

LAGRANGE — Calvin D. Fleming, 78, of Howe, died Thursday, Oct. 21, 2010, at 10:30 p.m. at Parkview LaGrange Hospital, LaGrange.

Calvin was formerly employed as a truck driver for a number of

companies. Most

recently he worked at Weiss

Trucking in Mongo,

retiring after an accident

in 1979. He was a former member of the Local Teamsters No. 7 and of the LaGrange and Middleton CB Club and was known as the night owl. He enjoyed



**Mr. Fleming**

working on CBs.

He was born April 8, 1932, in Livingston, Tenn., to Winfred D. and Glena C. (Myers) Fleming. They preceded him in death.

He married Marion C. Carroll in 1965 and she

preceded him in death on Jan. 24, 2007.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Brenda and James Stambaugh of Howe; two sons and daughters-in-law, Robert and Melissa Fleming of New Mexico and Jeffrey and Pamela Smith of Lebanon, Mo.; 10 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, John Fleming, in 2006.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Services will be Thursday at 10 a.m. at the funeral home with Pastor Denise Heller officiating. Burial will be in the Miller Cemetery, Middletown.

Condolences may be left at [Carneyfrost@earthlink.net](mailto:Carneyfrost@earthlink.net).

**Charles Gilbert**

WARSAW — Charles E. "Charlie" Gilbert, 58, formerly of Churubusco and more recently of Warsaw, was found dead at 1:02 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 22, 2010 at his home.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. Burial will be in the Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Otis R. Bowen Center for Human Services, 850 N. Harrison Street, Warsaw, IN 46580.

**Patricia Clark**

CHURUBUSCO — Patricia A. "Pat" Clark, 80, of Churubusco, died at 5:50 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 21, 2010, at her daughter's home in Noble County.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. Burial will be in the Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

Calling will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana, 6316 Mutual Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46825, or to Parkview Home Health & Hospice, 2270 Lake Avenue, suite 200, Fort Wayne, IN 46805.



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**John Smart**

SEBRING, Fla. — John R. Smart, 78, of Sebring, Fla., passed away peacefully, Thursday, Oct. 21, 2010, at his residence surrounded by his loving wife, family, and the Good Shepherd Hospice Team.

John was born in Noble County. He served in the U.S. Army in the Korean Conflict with the 3rd Infantry Division and in Vietnam. He retired in 1971 after serving our country for 20 years.

John served as claims manager for the Wausau Insurance Company in South

Florida for 23 years.

In 1993 he moved to Sebring from Miramar, Fla. and became very involved with V.F.W. Post 4300, serving in many capacities. He was especially proud to serve as Commander of the Honor Guard. He was also a member of American Legion Post 69 and Moose Lodge 2259, both of Sebring, Elks Lodge 2548 of Plymouth, and Society of the 3rd Infantry Division, U.S. Army.

John was an avid fisherman and of the Christian faith.

John was preceded in death by his father, John I. Smart, and a brother, Ronald Smart.

Survivors include his wife, Bonnie, and mother, Mildred M. Kimmell, both of Sebring; children, Kim (Nancy) Smart of Weatherford, Texas, and their children, Brandy Meek and Cori Rheinheimer, Jay (Charlene) Smart of Kendallville, and their children, Josh Smart and Shondria Rangel, Kevin (Jenny) Smart of Biloxi, Miss., and their children, Jeffrey Smart,

Jeremy Smart and Amanda Lane, Sherri (Ben) Henley of Sebring, and their children, Alexandria Cusato and Victoria Henley, Steven (Cindy) Peffley of Sunrise, Fla., and their children, Shane, Kyle and Macie Peffley; nine great-grandchildren; brothers, Robert (Janice) Smart of Raleigh Durham, N.C., William (Carole) Smart of Sebring, and Fred (Jeannette) Smart of Kendallville; and many very special nieces, nephews and cousins.

A celebration of his life will be held at the V.F.W. Post 4300 at a date and time to be announced.

The family suggests donations to V.F.W. Post 4300/Honor Guard.

Condolences may be expressed at [morrisfuneralchapel.com](http://morrisfuneralchapel.com).

Morris Funeral Chapel of Sebring is handling arrangements.



**Mr. Smart**

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### Sherry Guinn

FORT WAYNE —  
Sherry Lee Guinn, 63, of  
Fort Wayne died Saturday,  
October 23,  
2010, at  
Lutheran  
Hospital in  
Ft. Wayne.  
Ms.  
Guinn was a  
homemaker.  
She was  
born on  
November  
24, 1946, in



**Mrs. Guinn**

Auburn to Donald E. and  
Margaret E. (Carpenter)  
Mavis. They both preceded  
her in death.

She is survived by a  
daughter and son-in-law,  
Kim and Beau Krebs of  
Angola; and two grandchil-  
dren, Maysa Krebs and  
Kollin Krebs.

Services will be at 11  
a.m. Wednesday at Feller  
and Clark Funeral Home,  
875 S. Wayne St.,  
Waterloo, with Father Fred  
Pache officiating. Burial  
will be in Hamilton  
Cemetery.

Calling will be from 6-8  
p.m. Tuesday at the funeral  
home.

Memorials may be  
directed to Byron Health  
Center, 12101 Lima Road,  
Fort Wayne, IN 46818.

To view an online  
obituary or to send  
condolences, visit  
[www.fellerandclark.com](http://www.fellerandclark.com).

### James Barrett

AVILLA — James  
Thomas Barrett, 73, died  
Sunday, Oct. 24, 2010, at  
his rural Avilla residence.

A gathering of family  
and friends will be Oct. 30  
from 3-4 p.m. at the  
Charity United Baptist  
Church in LaGrange  
County. A memorial  
services with full military  
honors will begin at 4 p.m.  
at the church on Saturday.

Preferred memorials  
may be made to Disabled  
American Veterans.

Send a condolence to  
the family by Saturday at  
[www.hitefuneralhome.com](http://www.hitefuneralhome.com)

### Patricia Johnson

ANGOLA — Patricia J.  
Johnson, 64, of Angola  
died Oct. 22, 2010, in  
Visiting Nurse & Hospice  
Home, Fort Wayne.

Services are pending at  
Weicht Funeral Home.

A full obituary for Mrs.  
Johnson will appear in  
Tuesday's newspaper.

### Peggy Bradley

KIMMELL — Peggy  
Diane Bradley, 52, of  
Kimmell passed away  
Wednesday, Oct. 20, 2010.

Peggy was a member of  
the women's auxiliary of  
VFW Lodge 4717, Wolf  
Lake, and Wolf Lake  
United Methodist Church.

She is survived by a son,  
John C. Bradley of  
Kimmell; two daughters,  
April A. Bradley of  
Kimmell and Elizebeth  
Howard of Fort Wayne; a  
brother, Billy R. Jackson  
III; two sisters, Nancy  
Rogers of Arizona and  
Connie F. Jackson;  
grandchildren Johnny  
Bradley V, Leilyan Bradley,  
Mia Bradley, Morgan  
Howard and Kora Howard;  
and a niece, Misty Crow.

Services will be Friday,  
Oct. 29, at 3 p.m. at Ulrey-  
Renner-Brazzell Funeral  
Home, 705 S. Main St.,  
Ligonier, with calling from  
1-3 p.m.

Preferred memorials are  
to the family.

### Dean Marsh

GENOA, Ohio — Dean  
Marsh, 93, of Genoa, Ohio,  
died Sunday, Oct. 24,  
2010, in Mercy St. Charles  
Hospital, Oregon, Ohio.

Services will be at 11  
a.m. Thursday at St. John  
Lutheran Church, 21140 W.  
Toledo St., Williston,  
Ohio. Interment will follow  
in the Elliston Cemetery,  
Elliston, Ohio.

Calling will be from 2-4  
and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday in  
the Robinson-Walker  
Funeral Home, 501 West  
St. Genoa. A fireman's  
service will be at 7 p.m.  
Wednesday evening in the  
funeral home.

Memorials are to St.  
John Lutheran Church or  
the Allen-Clay Joint Fire  
District, Station #1, P.O.  
Box 154. Williston, OH.

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**Edna Murfree**

WOLCOTTVILLE — Edna A. Murfree, 101, of Wolcottville died Saturday, October 23, 2010, at 5:20 p.m. in Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Mrs. Murfree was a bookkeeper for American Heating in Villa Park, Illinois, a family owned business. She moved to this area 11 years ago, coming from Villa Park.

She attended the Wolcottville United Methodist Church in Wolcottville.

She was born May 21, 1909, in Forest Park, Illinois, to Frank and Augusta (Datte) Sonnenberg. She married Charles D. Murfree. He preceded her in death in December, 1984.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Susan M. and Bud Rea of Wolcottville; a son and daughter-in-law, C. Dickinson and Bonnie Murfree of Kendallville; three grandsons, William Murfree, Robert Murfree, and Hardy Murfree; and three great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Ida Cooper.

Burial will be in Mt. Emblem Cemetery, in Elmhurst, Illinois. There will be no local services.

Arrangements are by Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, State Road 9 North, Wolcottville.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com)

**Agnes Hartman**

MERRIAM — Agnes I. Hartman, 84, a former resident of Merriam and more recently of Fort Wayne, died Sunday, Oct. 24, 2010, at Parkview

Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are being completed at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco.

**Jacquelyn Miller**

**Jillian Miller**

**FORT WAYNE**

Infant twins Jacquelyn and Jillian Miller of Fort Wayne died at Parkview North Hospital.

A memorial gathering will be Thursday from 4-6 p.m. at First Wayne Street United Methodist Church parlor, 300 E. Wayne Street, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the church.

Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, Auburn, is assisting with arrangements.

**Eugene Robinson**

AVILLA — Eugene A. Robinson, 85, of Avilla died Sunday, Oct. 24, 2010, in Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville.



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## **Gary Petre**

WATERLOO — Gary Edward Petre, 68, of Waterloo died Sunday, October 24, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Petre was a supervisor for Universal Tool and Stamping Company in Butler, retiring after more than 30 years of service.

He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles in Butler.

He was born October 24, 1942, in Hamilton, to John Fredrick Petre and Elsie (Rogers) Petre Sowles.

He married Mary Ann Placencia on July 2, 1977, in Auburn. She survives in Waterloo.

Also surviving is a daughter, Michele Stone of Elida, Ohio; three sons and daughters-in-law, Gary Michael and Katie Petre of Auburn, Tim and Amy Petre of Auburn, and Jim and Jenny Allen of Auburn; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Ellen Mary and Charlie Briggie of Florida, Juanita and Roland Cook of Montpelier, Ohio, and Mary Alice and Larry Aschleman of Auburn; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Andrew Petre of Albion, and Roger and Debbie Petre of Butler; two sisters-in-law, Lois Petre of Fremont, and Mary Petre of Auburn; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and two brothers, Richard Petre, and DeWayne Petre.

Services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. William Haworth officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday and from 1-2 p.m. Wednesday prior to the funeral service at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the family in care of Mary Ann Petre.

To view and online obituary or to send condolences, visit [www.fellerandclark.com](http://www.fellerandclark.com).

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**Hazel Hamilton**

CHARLOTTE, Mich. — Hazel Lorraine Moore Hamilton, 89, died Sunday, Oct. 24, 2010, at Life Care Center of LaGrange. Formerly of Charlotte, she had resided in Indiana for the past five years.

Mrs. Hamilton attended cosmetology school in Detroit, Mich., and owned her own beauty shop for 40 years in Charlotte.

She was a former member of the First Congregational Church of Charlotte and also a member of the Charlotte Camping Club.

She was born Feb. 13, 1921, in Carmel Township, Eaton County, Mich., to Ernest and Sarah (Fowler) Davis. She married Robert Bruce Moore on June 22, 1941. He preceded her in death on Sept. 10, 1970. She married Frank Hamilton on June 7, 1976, and he died Nov. 1, 1994.

Surviving are a daughter, Joy (Terry) Sowles of Battle Creek, Mich.; a son, Terry (Nancy) Moore of Kendallville, Ind.; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and four stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her sister, Ailene (Davis) Deland on Oct. 12, 2009.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Burkhead-Green Funeral Home in Charlotte with Pastor David Bowering officiating. Burial will be in Millerburg Cemetery in rural Charlotte.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the National Parkinson Foundation or the charity of the donor's choice.

Send condolences online to [www.burkhead-greenfuneralhome.com](http://www.burkhead-greenfuneralhome.com)

**Anna Furkis**

LIGONIER — Anna Louise Furkis, 86, of Ligonier died at 8:25 p.m. Sunday, October 24, 2010, at Avalon Village Nursing Home in Ligonier, Ind.

She had been an area resident since 1932 coming from LaPorte, Ind.

Louise obtained a master's degree in education from Indiana University. She retired from the West Noble School Corporation after 38 years of service. She had served both as a teacher and as principal.

She was a member of the Ligonier United Methodist Church.

She was born September 23, 1924, in LaPorte, Ind., to William and Elizabeth (Owens) Furkis.

Surviving is a sister, Dorothy (William) Foster of Ligonier.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Robert Replogle and Peter James Furkis.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, October 28, 2010, at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, with celebrant Larry Baker officiating.

Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, October 27, 2010, at the funeral home and one hour prior to the service Thursday.

Memorial contributions are to the Noble County Community Foundation for the Brandon Replogle Scholarship Fund, 1599 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, IN 46767.

**Kenneth Cranson**

BRONSON, Mich. — Kenneth D. Cranson, 94, of Bronson died Monday, Oct. 25, 2010, at Masonville House in Coldwater.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at North Gilead Cemetery at Bronson.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to Southern Care Hospice in Jackson, Mich.

Beams Funeral Home in Fremont is in charge of arrangements.

**Gary Petre**

WATERLOO — Gary Edward Petre, 68, of Waterloo died Sunday, Oct. 24, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 27, 2010 at

Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Rev. William Haworth officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today and from 1-2 p.m. Wednesday prior to the services at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the family in care of Mary Ann Petre.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit [fellerandclark.com](http://fellerandclark.com).

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**Gail Crawford**

DEERFIELD BEACH, Fla. — Gail A. Crawford, 69, of Deerfield and formerly of Orland died Tuesday, Oct. 19, 2010, at Parkview Memorial Hospital.

No services have been set at this time.

**Ruth Smith**

ANGOLA — Ruth Stryker Smith, 90, of Angola died Monday, Oct. 25, 2010, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

She taught English in the public schools in Grand Rapids and South Lyons, Mich., and at Tri-State University in Angola. Mrs. Smith served as a librarian at Tri-State University in her later years.

Mrs. Smith was a volunteer tax preparer for the IRS.

She graduated from Creston High School in Grand Rapids, Mich., and from Hope College of Holland, Mich.

Mrs. Smith also volunteered for the Red Cross in World War II.

She was a member of the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Angola.

She was born Jan. 16, 1920, in Grand Rapids, Mich., to John O. and Ella (Dykhuys) Stryker. She married James Quentin Smith Feb. 23, 1946.

Surviving are two sons, Q. Douglas and Sherry Smith of Fort Wayne and Jeffery A. Smith of Angola.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband on May 19, 2000, and three brothers and three sisters.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola with Pastor Deborah Davis officiating.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the service.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Woodlawn Cemetery in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Memorials are to the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Angola. Sign a guestbook at [www.weichtfh.com](http://www.weichtfh.com)

**Patricia Johnson**

ANGOLA — Patricia Jean Johnson, 64, passed away October 22, 2010, at Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home in Fort Wayne, Ind., after fighting a long battle with breast cancer.



**Mrs. Johnson**

Patricia was born on May 26, 1946, to Samuel and Betty (Harrison) Stefanides in Roseville, Michigan.

As a child, she always said she wanted to be a mother. When she grew up she became the best and most loving mother and grandmother imaginable.

She attended Calvary Lutheran Church in Angola, Indiana.

On June 26, 1971 Patricia married Francis Lee "John" Johnson II by whom she is survived.

She is also survived by her two sons, Samm Johnson of Fort Wayne, Indiana and Larry and Diana Johnson of Hudson, Indiana; one daughter, Desiree and Jason Sheets of Winthrop Harbor, Illinois; two brothers, Samuel W. Stefanides of Lewiston, Michigan and Theodore A. and Mary Stefanides of Davison, Michigan; and four grandchildren, Corey Johnson, Tyler Johnson, Carlee Sheets and Alivia Sheets.

Pat's wish was to have her family and friends come together in a celebration of her life. Join us Thursday, October 28, 2010, from noon to 4 p.m. at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, Indiana.

Memorials are to the Regional Cancer Care Center, 516 E. Maumee Street, Angola, Indiana 46703 and to the Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home, 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46814.

The guestbook may be signed at [weichtfh@yahoo.com](mailto:weichtfh@yahoo.com)



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**Eugene Robinson**

AVILLA — Eugene Alexander Robinson, 85, of Avilla died Sunday, October 24, 2010, in Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

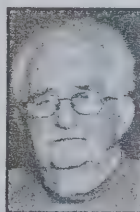
Mr. Robinson received a degree in communications from Valparaiso University. He was a graduate of Purdue University and Ball State University where he received a bachelor's degree in education and counseling and a master's degree in education.

He was a radio broadcaster for WAWK in Kendallville where he was known as "Jolly Green

Gene." He was also a broadcaster for WLNK in Ligonier and various other radio stations across the country.

He was a teacher, high school counselor, and a marketing director at the Bowen Center. He worked at Thunderbird in Decatur, and retired from Dometic.

He served with the Merchant Marines and the Navy Seabees. He flew for the Navy as a navigator, and was a journalist and communications expert aboard Navy ships, including the Coral Sea, the George Washington, and the Kitty Hawk. He began his military career by serving in World War II, and concluded his career in Desert Storm.



**Mr. Robinson**

Growing up in New York state, he was an altar boy in the Catholic Church. Later in life, he attended the Lutheran Church. He was a member of the VFW Post 2749 in Kendallville, the VFW Post in Ontario, and American Legion Post 0423 in Orland.

His hobbies included downhill skiing, cross country skiing, hiking, running, golfing, and crossword puzzles. He enjoyed playing the harmonica and the four-string ukulele.

He was born December 31, 1924, in Lakawana, New York, to Samuel and Constance Robchina. He married Nadine Mace in 1985 in LaGrange.

Surviving are his wife, Nadine Mace-Robinson of Indianapolis; a son and daughter-in-law, Gregory and Marla Robinson of Kendallville, two daughters and a son-in-law, Robin Esterline of Marysville, Ohio, and Rebecca and Bruce Snyder of Stewart, Florida; a stepson, Doug Harp of Mesa, Arizona; four stepdaughters, Schodi Irvin of Anthem, Arizona, Schamberle and Tim Williams of Kendallville, Tamela and Terry Mautner of Indianapolis, and Kimberle and Michael Ferris of Bermuda Dunes, California; 16 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and his mother-in-law, Mary I. Mace of Syracuse.

He was preceded in death by his father, Samuel Robchina; his mother, Constance Malnati; his stepfather, Rene Malnati; and a son, Jeffery Robinson.

Graveside services will be Friday, October 29, 2010, at 3 p.m. in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville, with Chaplain Tom Novy of Provena Sacred Heart Home officiating. Military honors will be conducted by VFW Post 2749, Kendallville.

Calling is Wednesday, October 27, 2010, from 4 to 7 p.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville.

Preferred memorials are to Alzheimer's Association.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com)

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### **Joseph McNamara**

AUBURN — Joseph Edward McNamara, 68, died Sunday, October 24, 2010, at his home in Auburn.

Mr. McNamara worked at County Line Cheese in Auburn for 29 years then with Airway in Auburn for 14 years before retiring in January 2004.

He was born Nov. 7, 1941, in Garrett to Robert and Meriam (Parker) McNamara. He married Carolyn Voirol on Feb. 9, 1963, in Auburn and she survives.

He is also survived by a son and daughter in law, Brian and Amy McNamara of Avilla; son-in-law, David Myers of Butler; five grandchildren; and two sisters and brothers-in-law, Beverly and Allen Albright of Kendallville and Linda and Marshal Brumbaugh of Garrett.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Miley S. Myers; a grandson, Brandon Myers; and two brothers, Larry and David McNamara.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with Pastor Joseph Hein officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to DeKalb Memorial Home Health and Hospice.

To view an obituary online or send condolences visit [fellerandclark.com](http://fellerandclark.com)

### **Dean Marsh**

GENOA, Ohio — Dean Marsh, 93, of Genoa, Ohio, and formerly of Williston, Ohio, died Sunday, October 24, 2010, in Mercy St. Charles Hospital, Oregon, Ohio, after a brief illness.

Dean was born in Rocky Ridge, Ohio, on February 9, 1917, to Sherman and Myrtle Mae (Dysinger) Marsh. On November 24, 1938, Dean married Hazel D. (Buss) in St. Peter Lutheran Church, Martin, Ohio, and she survives.

Dean had worked for the former Standard Oil Company for 44 years retiring in 1980 as a supervisor. Dean was a longtime member of St. John Lutheran Church in Williston, Ohio. Over the years Dean served in almost all of the leadership positions at the church along with more than 25 years on church council. He also served as the first lay Church Council President.

Dean was active in the Allen Township community. He was a charter member of the township zoning board and served as it's commissioner for 25 years. He was

a charter member and served on the Allen Township Volunteer Fire Department for 15 years. Dean was a member of the Ottawa County Board of Elections for 64 years serving from 1941-2005. In his spare time, Dean was an avid golfer and was a member of the Chippewa Golf Club for over 50 years. He was also a member of the club's Hall of Fame and for several years he set up and coordinated tournaments for the club. Other pastimes Dean enjoyed were fishing and tending his vegetable garden.

Survivors include his wife of over 71 years, Hazel; sons, Douglas (Sally) Marsh and Robert (Shirley) Marsh; daughter, Sharon (Gene) Ballantyne; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandson.

He was preceded in death by his parents, seven brothers and two sisters.

A funeral service for Dean will be conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday, October 28, 2010, in St. John Lutheran Church, 21140 W. Toledo St., Williston. Interment will follow in the Elliston Cemetery, Elliston, Ohio.

Visitation will be conducted from 2-4 and 6-8 PM, Wednesday, October 27, 2010 in the Robinson-Walker Funeral Home, 501 West St. Genoa. A fireman's service will be conducted at 7 p.m. Wednesday evening in the funeral home.

The family suggests that memorials in Dean's memory be directed to St. John Lutheran Church or the Allen-Clay Joint Fire District, Station #1, P.O. Box 154, Williston, OH.

Online condolences may be shared with the family at [www.walkerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.walkerfuneralhomes.com)

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**James Barrett**

AVILLA — James Thomas Barrett, age 73, died on Sunday, October 24, 2010, at his rural Avilla residence.

Mr. Barrett was born in Griffin, Georgia, on September 19, 1937, to the late

Harvey Alvin Barrett and Carl Woodson (Lunsford) Barrett.

Master Sergeant Barrett was retired from the United States Army after 30 years of dedicated service to his country. In 1950, at the age of 13, James enrolled at the Robert E. Lee Institute and upon graduation entered the United States Army.

He was involved in many conflicts throughout his military career including the Korean and Vietnam Wars.

During his career, he was among one of the elite Army Rangers in the 1950s, a drill sergeant, and supervisor of Special Forces.

For his bravery in battle, he was the recipient of seven Purple Hearts from the Vietnam era, two Silver Stars, and five Bronze Stars.

He spent 21 years with the 11B4H Infantry Division and nine years with the 16R4X Short Range Gunnery Crew.

Along with his other prestigious medals, he was awarded the National Defense Service medal, Army Commendation medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary medal, the Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Vietnam Service medal, Air medal 4th OLC, Drill Sergeant badge, and Missileman Badge First Class.



**Mr. Barrett**

Jim was a proud member of the Disabled American Veterans and he was an active leader with the DAV currently serving as the adjunct chairman of the DeKalb County chapter. After he retired from the Army, he was employed with the Anchor Hospital in College Park, Georgia, for 21 years in charge of security and supervisor of dietary.

As a young man, Jim was an Eagle Scout and involved much of his adult life in the Boy Scouts of America.

He was a Bronze, Gold and Silver Eagle Scout and attained the Order of Arrow status and Beaver rank as an adult.

Survivors include his caregiver and daughter, Gina and Matt Myers of rural Avilla; a son, James Thomas Barrett Jr. of Illinois; three other daughters, Dana Jean Minear of North Webster, Eleanore Ann Hobbs of Waterloo and Charlene Marquette Cassiday Gayheart of Georgia; 13 grandchildren; 13 great-

grandchildren; four sisters, Nellie Jacquelyn Stinchcomb of Molina, Georgia, Beatrice Rudean Wade of Riverdale, Georgia, Mary Venitia Terrell of Thomston, Georgia, and Eula Francis Brown of Stockbridge, Georgia; and two brothers, Carl Alvin "Sonny" Barrett of New Jersey and Bobby Dean Barrett of Thomston, Georgia.

He was also preceded in death by his brothers, Woodson Lamar Barrett and Charles Henry Barrett, and his sisters, Pinkie Olivia Barrett and Pinella Watson.

A gathering of family and friends will be October 30, 2010, from 3-4 p.m. at the Charity United Baptist Church in LaGrange County.

Memorial services with full military honors will begin at 4 p.m. at the church on Saturday. Officiating the funeral service will be Pastor Travis Moore and the Rev. Richard Pickard.

Preferred memorials may be made to Disabled American Veterans.

Send a condolence to the family at  
[www.hitefuneralhome.com](http://www.hitefuneralhome.com)



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**Kent Chipman**

HAMILTON — Kent A. Chipman, 46, formerly of Hamilton died Saturday, Oct. 23, 2010, at Midland Community Hospital, Midland, Mich.

Mr. Chipman was a 1982 graduate of Hamilton High School.

He was born Feb. 9, 1964, in Auburn to William Douglas and Karen K. (Everetts) Chipman.

Surviving are his father and his friend Douglas Chipman and Cindy Malcolm of Hamilton.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Karen, in 1994.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler. Burial will be at Hamilton Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 2-7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Send condolences to [www.hejohnsonfh.com](http://www.hejohnsonfh.com)

**Ferne Cochard**

KENDALLVILLE — Ferne E. Cochard, 92, died Monday, Oct. 25, 2010, at her residence rural Kendallville.

Visitation will be Thursday from 3-7 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Friday at 10 a.m. at the funeral home, with burial at Lake View Cemetery following the services.

Memorials are to the Wayne Center United Methodist Church.

Complete obituary information will appear in Wednesday's edition.

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## Agnes Hartman

FORT WAYNE — Agnes I. Hartman, 84, a former resident of Merriam and more recently of Fort Wayne, passed away at 5:23 a.m. on Sunday, October 24, 2010, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne following a lengthy illness.



**Mrs. Hartman**

She was born in Merriam, May 3, 1926, to Olen and Mary Shaffer. She accepted Christ and was baptized at Merriam Christian Chapel.

Throughout her life, she profoundly affected the lives of many but did so in a modest and unassuming way.

As a young girl, Agnes loved horses and often raced her American Paint, "Pedro," bareback in the Merriam countryside in the 1930s. Like her father and her brother, Dick Shaffer, she learned to fly single-engine airplanes at an early age, taking off and landing on a grass landing strip near Wolf Lake, and occasionally on a pasture field in Merriam. She also had a life-long love of swimming, and swam competitively for the Ball State University synchronized aquatics team.

She attended Wolf Lake High School, where she was a cheerleader for the basketball team, most notably the "Team of '42," the Goliath-killers from a tiny school that went all the way to the Indiana statewide semi-finals in 1942. After graduating from high school

in 1944, Agnes enrolled in nursing school at Ball State, which after graduation, launched her career as a nurse — over 20 years of which was spent as the school nurse for Central Noble Schools.

It was at Ball State that she had her first date with Delbert Hartman, who was a starting guard on the team of '42. Agnes and Del were married at Merriam Christian Chapel August 28, 1948, where Del's father, John, was pastor and Olen a Deacon. After marriage, Agnes and Del were inseparable until her death.

Agnes was an active Christian leader in many ways. For 22 years, she was a Sunday school teacher and the co-youth leader with Del at Merriam Christian Chapel. Their house was constantly filled with teenagers who are now scattered with their families throughout the Fort Wayne area and the world.

Later in life, Agnes and Del joined Blackhawk Ministries in Fort Wayne where she also taught Sunday school and was a member of the Missionary Board. She and Del were often hosts for visiting missionaries and they traveled to India to visit and participate in the missions they supported.

For 25 years, Agnes was a leader of Bible Study Fellowship and a counselor for the Crisis Pregnancy Center in Fort Wayne. After she retired as school nurse, she became a Mary Kay consultant. She considered this role as seriously as nursing, as a means of helping young women. She used her considerable skills

as a seamstress and a makeup artist in creating the costumes and makeup for Blackhawk's drama productions. She was revered in the community

and was often the first person to call whether the problem was a broken arm or a broken heart.

Julie Herron Zolman was one of the Merriam Christian Chapel youth group teenagers. When asked about Agnes, Julie said, "She loved me unconditionally and she taught me so much about love, marriage and God. Her greatest passion was also her greatest burden — she truly loved people and cared for them — no matter what their walk of life."

She was surrounded by her family Sunday morning when she left this earth and stepped into the embrace of Jesus. Among the surviving relatives are her husband, Delbert E. Hartman; her two sons, Craig W. Hartman and his wife Jan O'Brien in San Francisco, Calif., and Kevin E. Hartman and his wife Paula in Carrollton, Va.; and grandchildren, Shaun and his wife Kristin, Joshua and his wife Jennifer, and Christa, Travis and Kelsey.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Homer "Dick" Shaffer on January 31, 2007.

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Visitation hours with the family will be on Wednesday, October 27, from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the Sheets and Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. A service to celebrate the life of Agnes Hartman will be held Thursday, October 28, at 11 a.m. at Blackhawk Ministries, 7400 E. State St., Fort Wayne. Pastors Kelly Byrd, Keith Moore, and Terry L. Zolman will officiate. Private family burial will be held Wednesday morning at Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

In lieu of flowers, Agnes requested that contributions be made to the missions funds at Merriam Christian Chapel or Blackhawk Ministries.

To leave an online condolence for the family in Mrs. Hartman's memory, log on to [www.sheetsandchilds.net](http://www.sheetsandchilds.net)



# Former Ligonier mayor, 86, dies

LIGONIER — Grover Patrick, who served as mayor of Ligonier for 12 years, died Tuesday. He was 86.

Patrick had been in failing health for the last few years and had been a resident at North Ridge Village Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Albion when he died.

Patrick, or "Pat" as many people knew him, was remembered Tuesday as a dedicated public servant as well as a successful businessman.

"Pat had a true heart for public service, and did not back away from decisions that he believed to be for the good of the community, even though he knew they would be unpopular," said local attorney Steve Hagen, also a former mayor of Ligonier.

Patrick, a Democrat, served one term as mayor from 1972-1975, but was defeated in a bid for re-election. But eight years later, he re-entered the race for mayor, winning back his old seat. He won a third term in 1987, leaving office in 1991. He had also served three terms on the Ligonier City Council.

Patrick was mayor at a time when it was considered a part-time position. While mayor, he also owned and operated Pat's Marathon at the corner of 4th and Cavin streets in downtown



Patrick

## MAYOR:

*Arrangements pending at Yeager*

Ligonier, just a few steps from Ligonier City Hall. He ran the service station for more than 25 years and was active with the Ligonier Chamber of Commerce and other groups.

Another former Ligonier mayor, Gary Bishop, who now serves on the Ligonier

City Council, remembered Patrick as a "very responsible and responsive mayor."

Bishop was a Ligonier police officer for much of Patrick's years as mayor.

"I thought he did an excellent job as mayor," Bishop said Tuesday. "I always remember he worked well with his city council,

most of whom were Republicans. And together, they got a lot of good things done for the city."

Patrick was also a longtime member of the Ligonier Masonic Lodge.

Funeral arrangements for Patrick are pending at Yeager Funeral Home, Ligonier.

## Grover Patrick

LIGONIER — Former Ligonier Mayor, Grover H. Patrick, 86, of Ligonier, died at 2:42 p.m. Tuesday, October 26, 2010, at Northridge Village in Albion.

Arrangements are pending at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier.

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**Sgt. Kenneth  
McAninch**

LOGANSFORT — Sgt. Kenneth Keith McAninch, 28, of Hopkinsville, Ky., and formerly of Logansport was killed in action on Thursday, Oct. 21, 2010, in Yahya Khel district of Afghanistan while serving with the U.S. Army.



**Sgt. McAninch**

Kenneth was a staff sergeant.

His awards and decorations include the Joint Service Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with Mobilization Device and Combat Infantryman Badge.

Kenneth attended Southeastern, Eastlawn and Pioneer elementary schools. He also attended Delphi Middle School and Lewis Cass High School.

He enjoyed fishing, hunting, playing video games, especially "Call of Duty" and he was an avid artist.

He was born July 31, 1982, in Monticello, Ind., to Marvin and Cheryl A. (Richardson) McAninch. He married Shawwna R. Sidwell on June 11, 2010, in Hopkinsville, Ky.

Surviving are his wife, Shawwna R. McAninch; four sons, Jeremiah, Braxton, Brayden and Colby McAninch; a daughter, Shyanne Adam; his mother and her husband, Cheryl A. and Richard Nance of Peru, Ind.; his father and his wife, Marvin and Regina McAninch of Logansport, Ind.; three sisters, Kayla Ann Wallace, Katie Lee McAninch and Brianna McAninch, all of Logansport, Ind.; two brothers, Jason and Briar McAninch, both of Logansport, Ind.; two stepbrothers, David Jackson Nance and his wife Tammy of Idaho and Richie Nance of Peru, Ind.; a stepsister, Melanie Bennett of Peru, Ind.; his maternal grandmother, Barbara Price and her husband Elmer of Monticello; his paternal grandmothers, Mary Downing of Lake Cicott, Ind., and Carol McAninch of Burnettsville, Ind.; his stepgrandparents, Fred and Connie Taylor of Logansport, Ind.; and several nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles.

He was preceded in death

by his grandfathers, Marvin McAninch Sr. and James Richardson; a stepgrandfather, Clarence H. Downing; and his stepgrandparents, Richard and Helen Nance.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, October 29, 2010, at the First Assembly of God Church, 831 Burlington Ave., Logansport, Ind., with Pastor David Nihiser officiating.

Burial will be in Ever-Rest Memorial Park in Logansport, Ind.

Visitation will be from 1-8 p.m. Thursday, October 28, 2010, at the church.

Memorials are to the Kenneth McAninch Family Fund in care of Security Federal Savings.

Gundrum Funeral Home in Logansport is in charge of arrangements.

You may sign a guest book at or send online condolences to [www.gundrumfuneralhome.com](http://www.gundrumfuneralhome.com)

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**June Brennan**

KENDALLVILLE — June Ellen Brennan, 85, of Kendallville died Monday, October 25, 2010, at 10:55 p.m. in her residence.

Mrs. Brennan graduated from Kendallville High School.

She had previously worked in the office of Trenton Garment Company.

She was a dedicated wife and mom of five children.

She was a lifelong member of Faith United Methodist Church in Kendallville. She was also a member of Beta Associate Chapter of Tri Kappa and Elks Ladies. She enjoyed helping with Noble County Community Concerts.

She was born April 9, 1925, in Kendallville, to Geoffrey L. and Mabel E. (Richard) Browand. On December 26, 1946, in Kendallville she married Robert R. Brennan. He survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Kathy and Tom Smith of Kendallville and Linda and David Leamon of Kendallville; two sons and daughters-in-law, Jeffrey R. and Kay Brennan of Kendallville and Michael J. and Kathy Brennan of Elmhurst, Illinois; 13 grandchildren, Eric Smith, Nathan Smith, Jennifer Riecke, Melissa Andrews,



**Mrs. Brennan**

Chuck Leamon, Brian Brennan, Joshua Brennan, Zachary Brennan, Angela Mihal, Callie Brennan, Sam Brennan, Greta Brennan, and Johnny Brennan; and 15 great-grandchildren, Brennan Smith, Riley Smith, Mason Smith, Zakkary

Howell, Chelsea Riecke, Quinton Howell, Lucas Riecke, Whitney Weimer, Paige Weimer, Walker Leamon, Kristi Brennan, Kelli Brennan, Nathan Brennan, Cameron Brennan, and Owen Brennan.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Betty Browand and Ruth Fitzpatrick, and a son, Timothy Patrick Brennan on June 3, 1988.

Funeral services will be Friday, October 29, 2010, at 11 a.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville with the Rev. Leon Pomeroy officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Casketbearers will be her grandsons and great grandsons.

Calling is Thursday, October 28, 2010, from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Foundations of Noble County or Faith United Methodist Church.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at [www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com)



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## **Ferne Cochard**

**KENDALLVILLE** — Ferne Eugenia Cochard, passed away on Monday, October 25, 2010, at her rural Kendallville home. She was 92.



**Mrs. Cochard**

Mrs. Cochard was born just down the road from where she resided, on August 13, 1918, to Oliver P. Morton Wible and Bertha Eugenia (Longyear) Wible.

She graduated from Kendallville High School in 1936.

She married Willis Bond Cochard on November 21, 1940, in Kendallville and he preceded her death on September 29, 1989, after 49 years of marriage.

Ferne was a homemaker and dedicated mother of three children. Raising her family was most important to her but she also worked at the North Side Elementary School in the cafeteria, Kraft Foods, for a short time, and as an Avon lady.

She was a member of the Wayne Center United Methodist Church near Kendallville where she was honored as the oldest member this past June. In the past, she was a Sunday school teacher.

Ferne loved family get-togethers. The Cochard family just gathered together last weekend at Pokagon State Park and Ferne enjoyed her big day with all her family around her. She also looked forward to the Cochard Wednesday lunch

dates each and every week.

Ferne was a good euchre player and she loved to play cards with family and friends. Ferne loved to cook and she was a very good one! She enjoyed working her puzzle books, and in the past, growing a garden, tending to her flowers and playing golf. She was also a past member of the Charm & Chatter Home Ec Club.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Don and Helen Cochard of Albion; a daughter, Patricia Cochard of Schaumburg, Illinois; and a daughter and son-in-law, Janet and John Bodenhafer of Novi, Michigan; seven grandchildren, Dan and Crystal Cochard of Kendallville; Tim and Karen Cochard of Greenfield, Indiana; Christi and Matt Parsetich of Greenwood, Indiana; Monica and Ryan Crist of Lexington, South Carolina; Jill and Reuben Levy of Novi, Michigan; Jodi Gulian of Novi; and Jamie and Bob Sala of Lathrup Village, Michigan; great-grandchildren, Cassi and Joel Cochard, Conner, Logan, Cooper Handshoe, Cole, Clayton, and Lucy Cochard, Amber and Sydney Crist, Sage and Noah Parsetich, Eliana, Makayla, Zachariah, and Delilah Levy, and Ben and Grace Gulian; a sister-in-law, Dorothy Wible of Muncie, Indiana; a brother-in-law, Rex and his wife, Ellen (Longyear) Cochard of Fort Wayne and a brother-in-law, C.C. Cochard of Fortville, Indiana.

She was also preceded in death by her sister, Helen Rynearson, and brother, Harold Wible.

Visitation will be Thursday, October 28, 2010, from 3-7 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St. in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Friday, October 29, 2010, at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home. Officiating the funeral service will be Pastor Sherrie Long. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Casketbearers will be Dan Cochard, Tim Cochard, Matt Parsetich, Ryan Crist, Ruben Levy, and Bob Sala.

Preferred memorials may be made to Wayne Center United Methodist Church.

Send a condolence to the family or view a video tribute by Thursday, October 28, 2010, at [www.hitefuneralhome.com](http://www.hitefuneralhome.com)

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**William Moreland**

HUNTINGTON —  
William "Bud" Moreland,  
83, of Huntington died  
Monday, Oct. 25, 2010, at  
Miller's  
Merry  
Manor  
Nursing  
Home in  
Huntington.



Mr.  
Moreland  
was retired  
from Lime  
City.

**Mr. Moreland**

Manufacturing Co. Inc. in  
the quality management  
department after more than  
40 years of service.

He served in the United  
States Army during WWII  
as a tech sergeant.

Mr. Moreland was a  
member of the First Presby-  
terian Church in Huntington,  
the American Legion post in  
Huntington, was lifetime  
member of American  
Society of Quality, and a  
former Jaycee.

He was born in  
Martinsville to Earl I. and  
Mary A. (Long) Moreland.  
His parents preceded him in  
death. He married Clara  
(Esther) Sink on Dec. 25,  
1948, and she preceded him  
in death June 2008.

Surviving are two sons,  
Randy G. and Carla  
Moreland of Greensburg and  
Steven G. and Theresa  
Cordes of Brownsburg; a  
daughter, Deborah Lynn  
Fleischman of Fort Wayne;  
and a daughter-in-law, Rita  
Moreland of Nashville,  
Tenn.; five grandchildren;  
nine great-grandchildren;  
and two great-great-  
grandchildren.

He was also preceded in  
death by a son, Ricky C.  
Moreland; a grandson,  
David Moreland; and two  
sisters, Naomi Fletcher and  
Marie Jackson.

Visitation will be from 3-  
5 p.m. Thursday at  
McElhaney-Hart Funeral  
Home, 715 N. Jefferson St.,  
Huntington. Funeral services  
will follow at 5 p.m.

Thursday at the funeral  
home with the Rev. Paul  
Babo officiating.

Burial will be in  
Greenlawn Cemetery in  
Martinsville.

Memorials are to  
American Heart Association  
in care of the funeral home.

Online condolences may  
be sent to  
[www.mcelhaneyhartfuneralh  
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**Anna Louise Furkis, 86**

Anna Louise Furkis, age 86, of Ligonier passed away on Sunday, October 24, 2010 at 8:25 p.m. at Avalon Village in Ligonier from natural causes.

Louise was born on September 23, 1924 to William and Elizabeth (Owens) Furkis in LaPorte, Indiana. She was an area resident since 1932, coming from LaPorte.

Louise obtained her master's degree in education from Indiana University. She retired from West Noble School Corporation after 38 years of service where she had worked as a school teacher and principal. Louise was also a member of the Ligonier United Methodist Church.

She is survived by one sister, Dorothy (William) Foster of Ligonier. She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Robert Replogle and Peter James Furkis.

A funeral service will be held in her honor on Thursday, October 28, 2010 at 2 p.m. at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier with Celebrant Larry Baker officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

A time of visitation will be held on Wednesday, October 27, 2010 from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and one hour prior to the funeral service on Thursday.

Memorial contributions are to the Noble County Community Foundation for the Brandon Replogle Scholarship Fund- 1599 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, IN 46767.

**Ferne E. Cochard, 92**

Ferne E. Cochard, 92, passed away Monday morning at her residence in rural Kendallville.

Visitation will be Thursday from 3-7:00 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville

Funeral services will be Friday at 11:00 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home with burial at Lake

View Cemetery following the services.

Memorials are preferred to the Wayne Center United Methodist Church.

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## **Ray Allen Hurst, 39**

Ray Allen Hurst, age 39, of Kendallville was discovered missing in July and was found on Monday, October 18, 2010.

Mr. Hurst was born in Portage, Wisconsin on June 20, 1971 to Raymond Clay Hurst and Anna Marie (Petre) Kloepper.

He graduated from East Noble High School in 1989.

Ray was a self employed carpenter.

Ray enjoyed bike rides, swimming, and football. He enjoyed staying active and he was good with his hands, building and constructing things.

Survivors include:

His mother, Anna Kloepper of Albion.

Daughter, Chelsey Hurst of Kendallville.

Son, Tyler Hurst of Kendallville.

Brother, Glen and Sonya Hurst of Kendallville.

Sister, Paula Nicholson of South Carolina.

Grandfather, Andrew Petre of Albion.

Aunt and uncle, Trina and Steve Kline of Albion.

Uncle and aunt, Keith and Darlene Petre of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by his father, Raymond Clay Hurst, and his maternal grandmother, Mary Irene Petre.

Visitation and memorial services were Saturday, October 23, 2010.

Officiating the memorial service was Pastor James Archambeault.

Preferred memorials may be made to the family.

Send a condolence to the family at [www.hitefuneralhome.com](http://www.hitefuneralhome.com) or find us on Facebook.com.



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**James Thomas Barrett, 73**

James Thomas Barrett, age 73, died on Sunday, October 24, 2010 at his rural Avilla residence.



A gathering of family and friends will be October 30, 2010 from 3-4:00 p.m. at the Charity United Baptist Church in LaGrange County.

Memorial services with Full Military Honors will begin at 4:00 p.m. at the church on Saturday.

Officiating the funeral service will be Pastor Travis Moore and Rev. Richard Pickard.

Preferred Memorials may be made to Disabled American Veterans.

Send a Condolence to the family by Saturday at [www.hitefuneralhome.com](http://www.hitefuneralhome.com)

Arrangements are by Hite Funeral Home, 403 South Main Street, Kendallville, honored Veterans Funeral Care provider.

**Earline Blankenbecler, 89**

Earline Blankenbecler, age 89, Ligonier, IN passed away at Miller's Merry Manor in Syracuse on Tuesday, October 19, 2010 at 10:45 p.m. Earline was born on July 14, 1921 in Wise, Virginia. She moved to Ligonier in 1980. She is survived by nieces and nephews, Glenna (Jimmy) Clark of Ligonier, IN, Jody (Sam) Stump of Ligonier, IN, Jeff James of Topeka, IN, David (Kathy) Wheatley of Big Stone Gap, VA; several great nieces and nephews, and two great-great nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Earl & Callie (Dotson) Wheatley; husband, Garnie; sister, Roalice James of IN; a brother, JD Wheatley of Big Stone Gap, VA; and a niece, Marty (Martha) Coburn of Ligonier, IN. She was a member of the Shiloh Baptist Church of Ligonier, IN.

Earline was also a long time member of the Eastern Star.

Funeral services were on Saturday October 23, 2010. She was buried in Blankenbecler Family Cemetery in Stephens, Virginia. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Fl. 17, Chicago, IL 60601 or Goshen Care at Home Hospice, 1926 W. Lincoln Avenue, Goshen, IN 46526.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.yeagerfuneralhome.com](http://www.yeagerfuneralhome.com)



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**Patricia A. Clark, 80**

Patricia A. "Pat" Clark, 80, a long-time resident of Churubusco, passed away at 5:50 a.m. on Thursday, October 21, 2010, at the residence of her daughter in Noble County. She had been in failing health for the past three months.

Ms. Clark was born in Fort Wayne on February 2, 1930, a daughter of James A. and Margaret E. (Morris) Clark. As a child, she moved to Blue Lake with her parents, graduated from Churubusco High School in 1948,

and was a lifelong resident of this community.

Employed in the pharmacy at Lutheran Hospital for several years, she later managed a group home in Churubusco for Passages, Inc., and for 14 years worked in the bakery at Egolf's IGA in Churubusco, retiring from there in 2008.

A member of Faith Lutheran Church in Churubusco, she loved spending time with her family, and especially enjoyed holiday and birthday celebrations. She also enjoyed following NASCAR, and was a loyal fan of Dale Earnhardt, Jr.

The surviving relatives include her daughter Deborah L. Geiger of rural Avilla; a granddaughter Nicole (John) Bortner of Albion; three great-grandchildren Ariel Bortner, Samuel Bortner, and Katelynn Bortner; and her friend and caregiver Cheryl Hilliard of rural Avilla.

In addition to her parents,

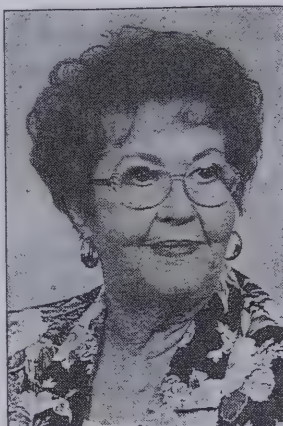
she was preceded in death by her sister Sondra L. Arnett on August 9, 1999.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, October 26, 2010, at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Rev. Dr. Lane Burgland, pastor of Faith Lutheran Church, officiating.

Interment was in the Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana, 6316 Mutual Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46825; or to Parkview Home Health & Hospice, 2270 Lake Avenue, suite 200, Fort Wayne, IN 46805.

To leave an online condolence for the family in Ms. Clark's memory, log on to [www.sheetsandchilds.net](http://www.sheetsandchilds.net)

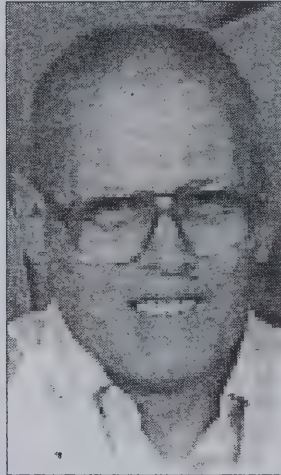


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## **Robert Hite, 75**

Robert "Jake" Hite, age 75, of Ligonier passed away on Wednesday, October 20, 2010 at his residence as the result of natural causes.

Robert was born on May 29, 1935 in Ligonier, IN to Harold & Oakey (Switzer) Hite. He graduated from Ligonier High School in 1953 and went on to serve his country honorably in the United States Army from 1958 to 1961. On June 30, 1962 he married Ruth Renner, she survives.



Mr. Hite was a lifelong area resident. He worked for Johnson Controls for 45 years, retiring in 1996. He enjoyed riding motorcycles, hunting with his dad and step-mother, fishing and camping. Mr. Hite also worked on the ambulance for five years and was a member of the CB Radio Club.

Survivors include his wife of 48 years, Ruth Hite of Ligonier; daughters, Amy Griffith and friend Mike Adams of Syracuse, Sandy (DeWayne) Bontrager of Ligonier, Betty Conwell of Columbia City, six grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and his step-brother Robert McNamara of Stroh. He was preceded in death by his parents and step-mother.

A funeral service was held Monday, October 25, 2010 at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South; Ligonier, IN with Pastor Byron Kaiser officiating. Internment took place in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier, IN. Memorial contributions may be directed to Goshen Care at Home Hospice, 1926 West Lincoln Avenue; Goshen, IN 46526

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.yeagerfuneralhome.com](http://www.yeagerfuneralhome.com).

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## **Ethel May Ewing, 96**

Ethel Mae Ewing, 96, of Noble County, died at 11:50 a.m. Thursday, October 21, 2010 at Northridge Village, Albion where she had been a resident since March 2010.

She was born October 5, 1914 in Sandusky, Ohio a daughter of Franklin C. and Bertha (Corl) Ellis. Her formative years were spent in Ohio.

On July 21, 1951 she was united in marriage to Ernest Leland Ewing. They made their home in Fort Wayne for two years before moving to their home at Bear Lake. Mr. Ewing died December 7, 1992.

Surviving relatives include two daughters, Mary A. (Ken) Clark of Hudson and Yvonne K. (Bill) Baker of Cromwell; six grandchildren; and 13 great grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by three brothers, Walter Ellis, Homer Ellis and Dale "Frenchy" Ellis; and a sister Marguerite L. Gray Norman.

The funeral service was held at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City. The burial was in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne. Preferred memorials are to Parkview Home Health & Hospice.

Condolences may be sent to [www.smithandsonsfuneral-home.com](http://www.smithandsonsfuneral-home.com)



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**Agnes I. Hartman, 84**

Agnes I. Hartman, 84, a former resident of Merriam and more recently of Fort Wayne, passed away at 5:23 a.m. on Sunday, October 24, 2010, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne following a lengthy illness.

She was born in Merriam, May 3, 1926, to Olen and Mary Shaffer. She accepted Christ and was baptized at Merriam Christian Chapel.

Throughout her life, she profoundly affected the lives of many but did so in a modest and unassuming way.

As a young girl, Agnes loved horses and often raced her American Paint, "Pedro," bareback in the Merriam countryside in the 1930's. Like her father and her brother, Dick Shaffer, she learned to fly single-engine airplanes at an early age, taking off and landing on a grass landing strip near Wolf Lake, and occasionally on a pasture field in Merriam. She also had a life-long love of swimming, and swam competitively for the Ball State University synchronized aquatics team.

She attended Wolf Lake High School, where she was a cheerleader for the basketball team, most notably the "Team of '42", the Goliath-killers from a tiny school that went all the way to the Indiana statewide semi-finals in 1942. After high school, Agnes enrolled in Nursing School at Ball State, which after graduation launched her career as a nurse--over



20 years of which was spent as the School Nurse for Central Noble Schools.

It was at Ball State that she had her first date with Delbert Hartman, who was a starting guard on the Team of 42. Agnes and Del were married at Merriam Christian Chapel August 28, 1948 where Del's father, John was Pastor and Olen a Deacon. After marriage, Agnes and Del were inseparable until her death.

Agnes was an active Christian leader in many ways. For 22 years, she was a Sunday School teacher and the co-Youth Leader with Del at Merriam Christian Chapel. Their house was

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constantly filled with teenagers who are now scattered with their families throughout the Fort Wayne area and the world.

Later in life, Agnes and Del joined Blackhawk Ministries in Fort Wayne where she also taught Sunday School and was a member of the Missionary Board. She and Del were often hosts for visiting missionaries and they traveled to India to visit and participate in the missions they supported.

For 25 years, Agnes was a leader of Bible Study Fellowship and a counselor for the Crisis Pregnancy Center in Ft Wayne. After she retired as school nurse, she became a Mary Kay consultant. She considered this role as seriously as nursing, as a means of helping young women. She used her considerable skills as a seamstress and a makeup artist in creating the costumes and makeup for Blackhawk's drama productions. She was revered in the community, and was often the first person to call whether the problem was a broken arm or a broken heart.

She was surrounded by her family Sunday morning when she left this earth and stepped into the embrace of Jesus. Among the surviving relatives are her husband, Delbert E. Hartman; her two sons, Craig W. Hartman and his wife, Jan O'Brien, in San Francisco, and Kevin E. Hartman and his wife, Paula, in Virginia; and grandchildren, Shaun and his wife, Kristin, Joshua and his wife, Jennifer, and Christa, Travis and Kelsey. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother Homer "Dick" Shaffer on January 31, 2007.

Visitation hours with the family will be on Wednesday, October 27, from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. A service to celebrate the life of Agnes Hartman will be held Thursday, October 28, 11 a.m., at Blackhawk Ministries, 7400 East State Street, Fort Wayne. Pastors Kelly Byrd, Keith Moore, and Terry L. Zolman will officiate. Private family burial will be held Thursday morning at Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

In lieu of flowers, Agnes requested that contributions be made to the missions funds at Merriam Christian Chapel, 3985 South U.S. 33, Albion, IN 46701 or Blackhawk Ministries, 7400 E. State Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN 46815. To leave an online condolence for the family in Mrs. Hartman's memory, log on to [www.sheetsandchilds.net](http://www.sheetsandchilds.net).

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**Dr. James 'Dick'  
Beerbower**

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Dr. James R. "Dick" Beerbower, 83, died Monday, Sept. 27, 2010, in Washington, D.C.

He was born in Fort Wayne to Walter and Mary Beerbower and was raised in Auburn. Beerbower graduated from Auburn High School in 1945 and received his AB degree from the University of Colorado and his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago. He joined the faculty at Binghamton,

N.Y., in 1969 and rose to become department chair. He retired as professor of geological sciences in 1993.

Beerbower is survived by his wife, Bobbie Friedman, three daughters, one son, four grandchildren and one niece. Two of his sons-in-law earned master's degrees in geology from Binghamton University. He is also survived by a sister and brother-in-law, Clair and Sally Beerbower Emerson of Waterville, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Friedman said Beerbower enjoyed music of all types and was an avid fan of Terry Pratchett, a contemporary novelist, "reading his books endlessly."

William Stein, associate professor of biological sciences and a teaching colleague, said Beerbower crossed disciplinary boundaries, teaching a course on how ecosystems became established. "I viewed him as being a major influence," said Stein. "He was a scholar of very high order in paleontology with a tremendous wealth of knowledge." Stein did field work with Beerbower, traveling to the Gaspe Peninsula in Quebec with him.

Stephen T. Hasiotis, associate professor of geology at the University of Kansas, met Beerbower in the 1990s. As a student, he had read many of Beerbower's seminal papers on continental ecosystems, vertebrate paleontology and the evolution of terrestrial ecosystems. Hasiotis conducted his field research with Beerbower and said "he was a gentle intellectual giant with a heart equal to, if not greater than his intellect. He was the sort of man who was gracious enough to approach young, upstart paleontologists like me to relate how he found my work fascinating and refreshing, and encouraging me to continue on in a direction not recognized by others."

Sally Beerbower Emerson adds: "Dick really loved his job: teaching. (I recall) we visited the Toledo Zoo. Dick soon had people following him around, listening to his lecture on animal behaviors, everything from gorillas to blind cave rats.

"We'll miss him."

A gathering in his memory was held Saturday, Oct. 9, in Washington, D.C. Memorial gifts may be made to the Binghamton University Foundation Memorial Account No. 10351. Note "in memory of Dick Beerbower" in the memo section of the check and mail to: Binghamton University Foundation, P.O. Box 6005, Binghamton, N.Y. 13902-6005. Those wishing to send condolences may do

so to: Bobbie Friedman, 550 N St. SW, Apt. S-102, Washington, D.C. 20024.

**Ernest Nusbaum**

HARLAN — Ernest David Nusbaum, 72, died Tuesday, Oct. 26, 2010, at the University of Toledo Medical Center.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at North Scipio United Methodist Church, 23628 S.R. 37, Maysville Road, Harlan.

Graveside services will follow at Scipio Cemetery.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or North Scipio United Methodist Church in Harlan.



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**Grover Patrick**

LIGONIER — Grover H. Patrick, 86, of Ligonier died at 2:42 p.m. Tuesday, October 26, 2010, at Northridge Village in Albion, Ind.

Mr. Patrick had moved to the area in 1937 from Yale, Ky.

He had owned and operated several service stations over the years and served two terms as mayor of Ligonier from 1972 to 1975 and from 1984 to 1991.

Mr. Patrick had also served three terms on the Ligonier City Council from 1964-1967, 1968-1971 and 1980-1983.

In 1990, he was named Citizen of the Year.

Mr. Patrick served his country honorably in the United States Navy from 1943 to 1945 and then served in the U.S. Army from 1949 to 1953.

He attended the Ligonier Evangelical Church. He was a member of the Elks, American Legion, Masonic Lodge, Shriners, VFW and with many civic organizations.

Mr. Patrick was a volunteer firefighter.

He was born November 26, 1923, in Yale, Ky., to Green and Lou Ellen (Reed) Patrick. He married Laura "Katie" Tully on May 11, 1947. She preceded him in death in 1986.



**Mr. Patrick**

Surviving are his children, Mona (Bob) Ritchie of Kimmell and Jeffrey L. (Tammy) Patrick of Republic, Missouri; his grandchildren, Paul Briggs, Laura Stump, Joseph Patrick, Rebecca Patrick, Jacy Salzbrun and Troy Ritchie; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; five brothers; and two sisters.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, October 30, at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, with Pastor Troy Diersing of the Ligonier Evangelical Church officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier. Military graveside honors will be conducted by the West Noble American Legion Post 243 in Ligonier.

Visitation will be from 1-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday, October 29, at the funeral home. A Masonic Service will be held at 8 p.m. Friday following visitation.

Memorials are to Shriners Hospital, 2211 N. Park Ave., Chicago, IL 60707

([www.shrinershq.org](http://www.shrinershq.org)), the National Autism Association, 1330 W. Schatz, Nixa, MO 65714

([www.nationalautismassociation.org](http://www.nationalautismassociation.org)) or the Huntington Society, P.O. Box 70, Richland, MI 49083

([www.hdsa.org](http://www.hdsa.org)).

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.yeagerfuneralhome.com](http://www.yeagerfuneralhome.com)

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## **John Craun**

FREMONT — John Craun, 73, of Fremont, Ind., died Tuesday, October 26, 2010, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Mr. Craun was the longtime owner of Gold Star Wrecker and Repair and had been in business

since the early 1960s.

He had previously operated a body shop in Quincy, Michigan.

Mr. Craun attended Quincy High School.

He enjoyed working, restoring cars and tractors, motorcycles and watching John Wayne movies.

Mr. Craun always had his pet dog, Benji, with him.

He was born April 23, 1937, in Quincy, Michigan, to John and Bertha (Woodman) Craun Sr.

Surviving are Michael and Kathryn Craun of Fremont, Ind., Candy and William Butz of Alma, Mich., Laurie and Randy Egan of Santa Fe, N.M., Randy and Sharon Craun of Colon, Mich., and Susan and Mark Vanaken of Camden, Mich.; 19 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Lucille Wilder and Donna Cowden of Coldwater, Mich.

He was preceded in death by his parents; four sisters; a brother; and a daughter, Penny Hagerman.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday, October 29, 2010, at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, October 30, 2010, at the funeral home with Pastor David A. Grimm officiating.



**Mr. Craun**

## **Phyllis 'Annabell' Seybert**

WHITE PIGEON, Mich. — Phyllis A. "Annabell" Seybert, 82, of LaGrange died Tuesday, October 26, 2010, at Miller's Merry Manor at LaGrange following an extended illness.

She had previously lived in Wisconsin, Antwerp, Ohio, Scott, Ind., and White Pigeon.

Mrs. Seybert had been employed by the Indiana Toll Road at the Middlebury Plaza. She was also a seamstress at Starcraft in Topeka for 19 years, retiring from there in 1990.

She was a member of Scott United Methodist Church, the United Methodist Women and several other groups.

Mrs. Seybert enjoyed cake decorating, making candy and painting.

She was born June 2, 1928, in Darlington, Wis., to John and Delma (Waters) Ramseier. She married Delvan F. Seybert on February 13, 1948. He died February 26, 2004.

Surviving are two daughters, Shirley (Tony) Holsinger of Howe, Ind., and Linda (LaMar) Hochstedler of Topeka, Ind.; a son, Gregory A. Seybert of Grand Rapids, Mich.; six grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; two sisters; and two brothers.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, October 30, 2010, at Scott United Methodist Church in Scott, Ind.; with the Rev. Jeffrey Stedge officiating. Burial will be in White Pigeon Township Cemetery at White Pigeon.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the Farrand Funeral Home, 300 N. Kalamazoo St., White Pigeon.

Memorials are to the Scott United Methodist Church. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Lakeview Cemetery at Quincy, Michigan.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent online to [www.beamsfuneralhome.com](http://www.beamsfuneralhome.com)

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**Evelyn E. Mahon**

FREMONT — Evelyn E. Mahon, 95, of Fremont and formerly of Toledo, Ohio, died Wednesday, October 27, 2010, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola, Ind.

Mrs. Mahon had moved to Steuben County from Toledo and had lived at Lake James and in Angola for a brief time.

She was a retired timekeeper at Toledo Scale in Toledo, Ohio.

She was a member of the Nevada Mills United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Mahon enjoyed traveling, gardening, watching her great-grandchildren's games and watching them grow up.

She was born March 21, 1915, in Alderson, W.Va., to James Grover and Lora E. (Miller) Baker. She married Warren H. Mahon on June 28, 1932. He preceded her in death on April 8, 1982.

Surviving are a daughter, Marjorie and Ardell "Art" Davis of Fremont, a granddaughter, Denise and Greg Lopshire of Angola; her great-grandchildren, Joel and Katelin Lopshire of Angola; her nieces, Lynn and Kim Parks of Virginia Beach, Va., and Lora Pfiefer of Toledo, Ohio; and many great-nieces and great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; and a brother and his wife, James and Jean Baker.



**Mrs. Mahon**

**Elmer C. Yoder**

LIGONIER — Elmer C. Yoder, 82, of Ligonier died Thursday, Oct. 28, 2010, at his residence.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. today and 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday at Fairhaven Mennonite Church, 13513 S.R. 4, Goshen.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Fairhaven Mennonite Church, Goshen. Burial will be in Thomas Cemetery, Goshen.

Memorials are to Christian Aid Ministries.

Miller-Stewart funeral home is in charge of arrangements.

Visitation will be from 2-5 p.m. Sunday, October 31, 2010, at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, November 1, 2010, at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont with the Rev. Duane Stidham officiating.

Burial will be in Toledo Memorial Park in Sylvania, Ohio.

Memorials are to Nevada Mills United Methodist Church or to Cameron Home Healthcare and Hospice.

Condolences may be sent online to [www.beamsfuneralhome.com](http://www.beamsfuneralhome.com)

**Lee R. Johnson**

ANGOLA — Lee R. Johnson, 81, of Angola died Wednesday, Oct. 27, 2010, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

Mr. Johnson was the owner of Fairmount Buildings Inc.

He was born March 15, 1929, in Cicero, Ind., to Archie L. and Mary L. (Fetty) Johnson. He married Karen Jensen on Aug. 18, 1963. She survives in Angola.

Also surviving are five sons, Randall L. and Jane Johnson of Marion, Ind., Rodney L. and Linda Johnson of Tyler, Texas, Robb L. Johnson of Upland, Ind., Eric L. Johnson of Anderson, Ind., and Sean M. and Becky Johnson of Fishers, Ind.; two daughters, Roxanne L. and Russell Parks of Upland, Ind., and Erin L. Snow of Easton, Pa.; a sister, Iva Lou Rinearson of Bowling Green, Ohio; nine grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Richard Johnson.

Visitation will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Weicht Funeral Home with Pastor Jim Hulbert officiating.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Grant Memorial Park in Marion, Ind.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Sign a guest book at [www.weichtfuneralhome.com](http://www.weichtfuneralhome.com)



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## Ray Culp

LAGRANGE — Ray E. Culp, 102, of LaGrange, died Thursday, Oct. 28, 2010 at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

He was born on July 25, 1908 in

Remington, Ind. to Grant and Edith (Streeter) Culp.

On March 10, 1935 he married Ruth Sutton in LaGrange. She preceded him in death on Aug. 10, 1988.

Ray came to LaGrange from Remington in May 1929. He owned and operated Culp Motor Sales in LaGrange from 1938 to 1979.

He was a 75-year member of the Meridian Sun Lodge F&AM #76, Scottish Rite Valley and Mizpah Shrine, both of Fort Wayne, LaGrange County Shrine Club and Inlakes Investors. He was a life member of the LaGrange County Country Club, a member of the First Presbyterian Church in LaGrange, a charter member of the LaGrange County Chamber of Commerce and the LaGrange American Legion Post 215.

He was a World War II Army veteran.

Mr. Culp is survived by several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by his parents, four sisters and three brothers.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2010 at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, with Rev. Kenneth Weaver officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.



Mr. Culp

## Dr. Michael Webb

AUBURN — Dr. Michael K. Webb, MD, 72, of Auburn died Thursday, October 28, 2010, at his home with his family by his side.

He was born October 21, 1938, in Auburn to Verle and Florence (Snyder) Webb.

In 1981, he opened a private medical practice in Auburn as an obstetrician/gynecologist until his retirement in 2003.

He is a U.S. Air Force Vietnam veteran.



Dr. Webb

Calling will be at the funeral home Tuesday, Nov. 2, 2010 from 4 to 7 p.m. A Masonic service will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be contributed to the First Presbyterian Church or the Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children.

Online condolences may be submitted to the family at [fruripmayfuneralhome.com](http://fruripmayfuneralhome.com)

He was a member of the Auburn Presbyterian Church and a member of the AMA and Retired Physicians Group in Florida.

He was a 1956 graduate of Auburn High School and graduated from Medical School in 1965 from Indiana University.

He volunteered at the RSVP Food Pantry and enjoyed playing his guitar with Earl's Country Jam.

He married Flo (Weeder) Cserep on October 30, 1982 in the Auburn Presbyterian Church and she survives.

He is also survived by six children, Jeff (Shelly) Webb of Fort Myers, Fla., Greg (Melissa) Webb of Indianapolis, David (Michelle) Cserep of Auburn, Dan Cserep of Chalmers, Debbie (Rick) Lute of Fayetteville, Ga., and Diana (Mark) Engdahl of Granger; 10 grandchildren; and 1 great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Kenneth Webb.

Services will be 11 a.m. Monday, November 1, 2010, at the Auburn Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Lyle Ewing and the Rev. Al Black officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, Auburn.

Preferred memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Home Health and Hospice, RSVP Food Pantry or Stand Up for Cancer, File 1224, 1801 W. Olympic Boulevard, Pasadena, CA 91199-1224.

To view an obituary online or send condolences visit [fellerandclark.com](http://fellerandclark.com)

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### Edward Doyle

LAGRANGE — Edward H. Doyle, 58, of LaGrange died Thursday, Oct. 28, 2010, at his residence.

Mr. Doyle graduated from Caribou High School in 1970 and from Purdue University in 1987 with an associate degree in construction engineering technology.

He came to LaGrange in 1992 and started Doyle Surveying, P.C., which he operated for 22 years. He previously had worked as a surveyor for Donovan Engineering, Joseph B. Stoodly Surveyor/Engineer and Timothy F. Owens Surveyor, all of Fort Wayne and Boyer Engineering in Angola.

Mr. Doyle was a member of the Sons of the American Legion Post 215.

He was a former board member for the LaGrange Youth Baseball League and in 1997 co-founded the fifth and sixth grade Little Laker Football League.

He was born on Nov. 21, 1951, in Caribou, Maine, to Reginald and Betty Jean (Smith) Doyle. On July 23, 1976, he married Karen S. Bearman in New Haven. She survives in LaGrange.

Also surviving are a daughter, Whitney Jean Doyle of LaGrange; a son, Edward Houlton Doyle IV of LaGrange; his stepmother, Justine Doyle of Fort Wayne; a sister and brother-in-law, Tiffany and Scott Winling of Fort Wayne; and three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Reginald Doyle and David and Amanda Doyle, all of Fort Wayne, and Mark and Shelley Doyle of Golden, Colo.



**Mr. Doyle**

### David Mauzy

KENDALLVILLE — David E. Mauzy, 53, died Friday, Oct. 30, 2010, at his residence in Kendallville.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home.

Funeral Home in Fremont.

Mrs. Mahon, 95, died Wednesday, Oct. 27, 2010, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

### Jack Hart

KENDALLVILLE — Jack Hart, 82, died Friday morning, Oct. 29, 2010, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Services pending at Hite Funeral Home.

### Evelyn Mahon

FREMONT — Funeral services for Evelyn E. Mahon of Fremont will be held at Nevada Mills United Methodist Church, 4710 W. Bachelor Road, rural Steuben County, at 10 a.m. Monday.

Visitation will be from 2-5 p.m. Sunday at Beams

He was preceded in death by his parents.

A memorial services will be at 6 p.m. Sunday at the Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, with Pastor Travis Wilhelm officiating.

Visitation will be held at the funeral home from 2 p.m. until service time.

Memorials are to the LaGrange Youth Baseball League or the Little Laker Football League.

Online condolences may be submitted to the family at [www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com](http://www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com)

### Lee Johnson

ANGOLA — Lee R. Johnson, 81, of Angola died

Wednesday, Oct. 27, 2010, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

Mr. Johnson was the owner of Fairmount Buildings Inc.

He was born March 15, 1929, in Cicero, Ind., to Archie L. and Mary L. (Fetty) Johnson. He married Karen Jensen on Aug. 18, 1963. She survives in Angola.

Also surviving are five sons, Randall L. and Jane Johnson of Marion, Ind., Rodney L. and Linda Johnson of Tyler, Texas, Robb L. Johnson of Upland, Ind., Eric L. Johnson of Anderson, Ind., and Sean M. and Becky Johnson of Fishers, Ind.; two daughters, Roxanne L. and Russell Parks of Upland, Ind., and Erin L. Snow of Easton, Pa.; a sister, Iva Lou Rinearson of Bowling Green, Ohio; nine grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Richard Johnson.

Visitation will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Weicht Funeral Home with Pastor Jim Hulbert officiating.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Grant Memorial Park in Marion, Ind.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Sign a guest book at [www.weichtfh.com](http://www.weichtfh.com)



**Mr. Johnson**



# 'Enjoy life like I did'

BY DENNIS NARTKER

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AVILLA — Frances V. Wolf, 89, loved living in Avilla, spending time with her many friends, neighbors and relatives in a small town.

The former Avilla resident and Avilla town clerk office employee died Saturday, Oct. 16, 2010, in Mease Countryside Hospital in Safety Harbor, Fla. She had lived in Florida the past 15 years.

"Mom loved talking about the good old days," said her son, Charlie Wolf. "When we kids were growing up, she said no one in the neighborhood ever locked their doors. Neighbors always looked out for each other, even going into each other's home to shut windows during a rain storm or taking laundry down from the clothesline."

Mrs. Wolf helped her grandchildren learn the value of hard work, discipline and perseverance. Granddaughter Tish Strickler remembered spending many hours with her grandmother learning practical skills like cooking, tending the garden and fishing.

"Along the way she also taught me about living your life with love and compassion for others," said Strickler.

Granddaughter Kris Perrone did her grandmother's hair once a week for 25 years and often heard her grandmother tell stories of her younger days. Mrs. Wolf always told her granddaughter at these appointments: "Honey, I love you, so enjoy life like I did. Those were my favorite years."

Mrs. Wolf and her late husband, Charles Wolf, were married 45 years and raised four children, son and daughter-in-law Charles and Judy Wolf of Kendallville, and daughters Sharon and Rich Vendrely of Sebring, Fla., Pat and Max Cleland of Oldsmar, Fla., and Debra Wolf of Holiday, Fla. She enjoyed spending time with her seven grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.



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Frances V. Wolf, seated, is surrounded by some of her grandchildren on her 80th birthday.

Daughter Deb Wolf remembers how much she enjoyed shopping with her mother and stopping at McDonald's or Wendy's for a sandwich and conversation. They also spent time together playing cards and

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watching their favorite Disney movies.

Daughter Pat Cleland said fishing was a big part of her parents' life together.

"She told me about every day, dad would nudge her about 5:30 a.m. and say, 'The fish are biting.' She would make sandwiches, and away they would go," she said. When her mother was a Cub Scout leader, she took her Scout troop fishing. All she did was untangle lines and take turtles and fish off hooks.

"Mom told me the boys would cry when the fish would bleed and accuse her of killing them," Cleland said.

One thing Mrs. Wolf taught her daughter, Sharon Vendrely, was not to take more than her share at the dinner table the first time around. Vendrely recalled one time when the family had company had visitors, and her mother fixed breaded cube steak and Vendrely took two pieces. Her mother wanted to teach her daughter a lesson.

"One night when I came home from work, she had fixed swiss steak, which I loved. As usual, I took two pieces that night also," said Vendrely. This time her mother had fixed liver

disguised to look and smell like swiss steak. "I had to eat every bite on my plate, and it wasn't easy, as I hated liver," said Vendrely, who learned a lesson that day.

Granddaughter Mary Jane Dalke remembered the time she lost a contact lens while riding her bike at her grandparents' house. Her grandmother found the blue contact on a blade of grass.

"We could not believe it," said Dalke. "She had eagle eyes."

Grandsons Zach and Josh Wolf remembered how much they enjoyed fishing with their grandparents, climbing the trees on their grandparents' property and playing card games with them, such as Uno and Skip-Bo. They had so much fun playing cards with they didn't want to leave, according to Zach Wolf.

Mrs. Wolf loved watching her grandsons play sports.

"She was so proud of each and every one of her grandkids, and they meant a world to her," said Charlie Wolf.

A celebration of life graveside service for Frances V. Wolf will be Saturday, Nov. 20, at 2 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery in Avilla.

### **Larry Harrold**

**BUTLER** — Larry A. Harrold, 68, died Saturday. Arrangements are pending at H. E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler.

### **Harold Hughart**

**MIDDLEBURY** — Harold L. Hughart, 82, of Middlebury, died at 9 a.m. on Saturday, October 30, 2010 at his residence.

Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. Monday at Faith Baptist Church, Middlebury.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the church. Services will be

conducted by Rev. Donald Chesher. Burial with full military graveside services will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery, Middlebury.

Memorials may be given to the Faith Baptist Church Building Fund. Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury is handling arrangements, and online condolences may be sent at millerstewartfuneral-home.com.

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### **Dailie Martin**

HAMILTON — Dailie Ann Linn Louise Martin, 20, of Hamilton, entered the arms of Jesus at 10:30 p.m. Friday, October 29, 2010, in her residence with her family at her side. She had battled cancer for the past two years.

Dailie was born April 13, 1990 in Fort Wayne, Indiana the daughter of Paul E. and Kelly J. (Heck) Martin Jr. She was a 2009 graduate of Hamilton High School where she played softball.

Dailie was very active in 4-H showing horses, pigs, feeder and dairy cattle.

She was an all around "cowgirl" and lived by the motto "Cowgirl Up." She had worked at Village Foods in Hamilton during her high school years, and had begun a career as a home health care provider.

In addition to her parents, Dailie is survived by her brother, Deric Martin of Hamilton; paternal grandmother, Sonja Martin of Hamilton; maternal grandmother, Nina Heck of Fort Wayne; aunts and uncles, Joyce & Dan Isley of Hamilton, Gary & Katie Martin of Hamilton, Edward Martin of Hamilton, Jeff & Chris Heck of Fort Wayne, Scott & Carrie Heck of Fort Wayne; great-uncle Denny Parker of Fort Wayne and many cousins. She was preceded in death by both of her grandpas, Paul Martin Sr. and Ted Heck.



**Miss Martin**

### **George Bently**

George K. Bently, 103, of Fort Wayne died Friday, October 29, 2010, at The Towne House Health Center.

Mr. Bently had lived at The Towne House in Fort Wayne since April 1999, coming from Kendallville. He retired as vice president of Engineering at the McCray Refrigerator Company in Kendallville, having worked there for 37 years.



**Mr. Bently**

He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Kendallville where he served as an elder. He was also a member of the TKE Fraternity, Kendallville Lions Club, Kendallville Elks Lodge, American Society of Heating, Refrigeration & Air Conditioning Engineers and Director of Peoples Federal Savings Bank for over 25 years.

He was born August 7, 1907, in Valparaiso to Joseph C. and Anna Catherine Margaret (Harbeck) Bently. On November 24, 1938, in Kendallville he married Orpha Jean Preston.

Surviving are his wife, Orpha Jean Bently of Fort Wayne; a son and daughter-in-law, William G. and Charlotte "Deanie" Bently of Bloomington; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. His son, Robert Preston Bently, preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be Monday, November 1, 2010, at 11 a.m. in The Towne House Chapel, 2209 St. Joe Center Road, Fort Wayne, with Pastor Doug Vogel officiating. Burial will be at 1:30 p.m. in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling will be one hour prior to the service at the Towne House Chapel.

Preferred memorials are to The Towne House Good Neighbor Fund, 2209 St. Joe Center Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46825.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com)

Visitation for Dailie will be held on Tuesday, November 2, 2010 from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. in the Oberlin-Turnbull Funeral Home & Crematory 3985 East Church Street, Hamilton.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, November 3, 2010 at 10:30 a.m. in the Hamilton United Methodist Church 7780 S. Wayne Street, Hamilton with Pastor Donna Holcomb officiating. Interment will follow in Eddy Cemetery, Hamilton.

Memorial contributions in the name of Dailie Martin may be given to the family.

Condolences may be sent to the family or the online guest book may be signed at [www.oberlinturnbull.com](http://www.oberlinturnbull.com)

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**David Mauzy**

KENDALLVILLE—

David Mauzy, 53, of Kendallville, died unexpectedly on Friday, October 29, 2010 at his residence in Kendallville.

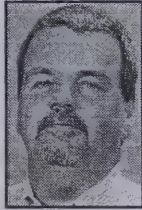
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Mauzy was born in Warsaw, Indiana on January 22, 1957 to Leonard Ellis and Norma Leone (Weimer) Mauzy. He graduated from Carroll High School in 1975. He married Toye Lynn

Yant on May 23, 1981 at Lake Chapel in Fort Wayne. Dave was the traveling store manager and employed, since 1974, with Scott's Food (now Kroger). He was based in Waynedale and worked in the grocery business for about 35 years. Dave was responsible for opening the Scott's store in Kendallville.

Dave loved spending free time with his grandkids. He enjoyed cooking and barbeque grilling. He loved the Rolling Stones music and was an I.U. Basketball and Chicago Bears football fan. He enjoyed playing golf and he loved driving his new Jeep Liberty.

Survivors include: His wife, Toye Mauzy of Kendallville; son, Jason and



**Mr. Mauzy**

Jodi Beaupre of Kendallville; daughter, Cassandra Mauzy and Shane Smith both of Avilla; three grandchildren: Brinley Jean Beaupre, Drew Wesley Smith and Brayton David Smith; his parents, Leonard and Norma Mauzy of Fort Wayne; brother, Duke and Nancy Mauzy of Fort Wayne; brother, Dan Mauzy of Fort Wayne; father and mother-in-law, Jim and Nancy Yant of Columbia City. He was preceded in death by mother-in-law, Gloria Yant, who died in 1978.

Visitation will be Monday, November 1, 2010 from 4-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 South Main St, in Kendallville. Funeral services will be Tuesday, November 2, 2010 at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home. Officiating the funeral service will be Pastor James Archambeault. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville. Preferred Memorials may be made to donor's choice.

Send a condolence to the family or View a Video Tribute of David by Monday at [www.hitefuneralhome.com](http://www.hitefuneralhome.com) or Facebook.com.

**Cynthia Junot**

ANGOLA — Cynthia Sue Cope Junot, 60, of Angola died October 29, 2010; Lutheran Hospital.

She was born Oct. 7, 1950, in Angola to Delbert Cope and Betty Vaughn Cope Sumney.

On Oct. 4, 1975, she married Tony Junot.

She was the owner of Sam's 1/2 price Book Store, Angola.

Survivors include her mother: Betty and Bill Sumney of Angola, nephew: Shawn Cope; niece: Christine Brandanger; great-niece: Amanda Cope and four step-sons.

She was preceded in death by her father, Delbert

Cope, brother, Gerald Cope and sister Lynda Brandanger, husband Tony Junot, and niece Danielle Brandanger.

She was a member of Fairview Missionary Church in Angola.

Graveside services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday, November 2, 2010 at Jamestown Cemetery, Steuben County, with the Rev. Norman Fuller officiating.

Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Monday, November 1, 2010 at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Burial will be in the Jamestown Cemetery, Steuben County. Memorials may be made to Fairview Missionary Church, Angola.

There is a guestbook at [www.weichtfh.com](http://www.weichtfh.com). Arrangements are being handled by the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.



### **Ruth Ann Weilbaker**

AUBURN — Ruth Ann Weilbaker, 70, died Saturday, October 30, 2010 at her home in Auburn surrounded by her family.

She was born May 19, 1940 in Auburn. Her father Walter Porter, her mother

and step father Vera (Haywood) and Ronald Ranney and her grandmother Anna Haywood who raised her have preceded her in death.

Ruth Ann worked at Magnavox in Auburn for 12 years before retiring in 1993. She was a member of the Women of the Moose.

She married Howard Dale Weilbaker on May 23, 1964 in St. Marks Lutheran Church in Auburn and he survives. She is also survived by four daughters, Ronda Weilbaker of Dayton, Ohio, Michelle Weilbaker of Vero Beach, Fla., Traci (Mark) Schilling of Dexter, Mich. and Shannon Weilbaker of Auburn; 10 grandchildren, Chad Balser, Jennifer (Aaron) Williams, Christina Corripio, Marina Conroy, Jacob Schilling, Taylor Schilling, Madelyn Schilling, Chase McCollough, Morgan McCollough and John McCollough; five great grandchildren; three brothers and a sister, Dave (Louise) Porter of Angola, Ronald (Louise) Ranney of Vero Beach, Fla., Jim (Donna) Ranney of Springfield, Ohio and Chris (Richard) Heiman of Garrett.



**Mrs. Weilbaker**

### **Robert Buss**

GARRETT — Robert A. Buss, 69, of Garrett died Oct. 30 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

A Celebration of Life service will be 11 a.m. Nov. 2 at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, Auburn, with Pastor Kevin Smith officiating.

The family will receive friends Monday from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday, November 2, 2010 at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 South Center St., Auburn with Hospice Chaplin Joann Grepke officiating. Burial will be in the Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn. Calling is Monday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials may be made to Cancer Services of Allen County or DeKalb Memorial Home Health and Hospice.

To view an obituary online or send condolences visit [fellerandclark.com](http://fellerandclark.com).

### **Timothy VanDerbosch**

GARRETT — Timothy "Tim" Alan VanDerbosch, 50, of Las Vegas, Nev., and formerly of Garrett, died at 6 a.m. Oct. 20, 2010, in Las Vegas.

He was born Oct. 12, 1960, in Garrett to Philip R. and Kathryn R. (Miller) VanDerbosch, and they preceded him in death.

Tim was a 1985 graduate of Manchester College and received his master's degree from Indiana University in

1988. He worked in the Science Department at Eldorado High School in Las Vegas, Nev., teaching physics and chemistry.



**Mr. VanDerbosch**

Tim is survived by a sister, Lori delos Reyes, Fishers; and three brothers, Terry VanDerbosch, Elyria, Ohio; Philip L. VanDerbosch, Auburn; and David VanDerbosch, Garrett.

A celebration of his life will take place from 2-5 p.m. Saturday at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett, where the family will receive friends and family.

Memorials are to the Garrett Public Library Foundation or to the Timothy VanDerbosch Scholarship Fund, c/o Eldorado High School, Las Vegas, NV. Anyone mailing a donation may direct those c/o Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, IN 46738 to be forwarded to the family.

You may send a condolence or sign the online register book by visiting:  
[www.thomasfuneralhome.org](http://www.thomasfuneralhome.org)

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## Jack Hart

KENDALLVILLE — Jack Earl Hart, 82, of Kendallville, died on Friday, October 29, 2010 at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Hart was born in Ray, Indiana on March 31, 1928 to the late Ray and Addie Luella (Reade) Hart.

He was a retired electrician from the United States Navy, EM1 Submarine Service. He married Joy LeGeanne Blair Hart on April 2, 1950. Jack's last place of employment was with Parker-Hannifin in Albion before retiring in 1992. He was a member of the United States Submarine Veterans, Masonic Lodge #276 of Kendallville, Noble

Chapter #122, Order of Eastern Star of Kendallville, Scottish Rite and Mizpah Shrine both in Fort Wayne, the Fleet Reserve Association and life member American Legion. Jack most enjoyed spending time with family.

Survivors include: His wife of 60 years, Joy Hart of Kendallville; daughter, Dixie and Jim Brown of Kendallville; daughter, Luella Campbell of Kendallville; son, Ray Hart of Kendallville; four grandchildren: Jaclyn and Stewart Bender of Topeka; Adam Hart of Kendallville; Nicholas Hart, U.S. Navy, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina; and Nathan Brown of Kendallville; two step-granddaughters: Victoria Campbell of Kendallville and Venessa and Pat Perkins of Kendallville; seven great-grandchildren: Seth Bender, Taylor Bender, Scott Ritchie, Addison Bender, Olyvia Hart, Reece Hart, and Nixon Hart; five step-great-grandchildren: Paige Baker, Peyton Baker, Tosha Perkins, Alissa Perkins and Zachary Perkins; brother, Gailen and Ada Hart of Florida; a very special family to the Hart family, Mike and Heather Antal and their daughters, Tori and Alex; many nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by two sons, Bradley D. Hart, who died November 6, 2006; and Darrell Hart, who died November 18, 1950; a grandson, Brandon Brown who died November 6, 1984; brothers, Ralph, Douglas, Carroll "Cy", and Wendell Hart; and sisters, Ilene Mock, Connie Gruber, Dixie Hunter, and Val Hart.

Memorial services will be Monday at noon at Hite Funeral Home, 403 South Main St. in Kendallville with an hour of visitation before the funeral service. Officiating the funeral service will be Pastor Jim Barnes. Burial will be at Woodland Cemetery in Wolcottville, Indiana at a later date. Preferred Memorials may be made to Shrine Children's Hospital or American Cancer Association.

Send a condolence to the family at [www.hitefuneralhome.com](http://www.hitefuneralhome.com). Arrangements are entrusted to: Hite Funeral Home - 403 South Main St. - Kendallville, Indiana 46755.



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## **Rachel Sanders**

BERNE — Rachel E. Sanders, 93, died Sunday, October 31, 2010, at 12:43 a.m. at Swiss Village in Berne.

Mrs. Sanders was born on April 15, 1917, in Evansport, Ohio, to Oliver & Melissa M. (Jolly) Hanna. She was a member of Hudson United Brethren Church.

She previously worked at J.C. Penney Co. in Hillsdale, Michigan, Costanza Dry Cleaning in Ashley and Huntington College. She married the Rev. Willard L. Sanders on January 1, 1939, in Defiance, Ohio. They moved to Swiss Village in 2004.

Survivors include her husband, the Rev. Willard L. Sanders; two daughters, Suzanne Rowe of Angola and Geraldine "Geri" (Allen) Morrical of Portland; two sons, Melvin J. (Patricia) Sanders of McAllen, Texas, and Timothy E. (Terri) Sanders of Wichita, Kansas; 20 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and 6 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Dennis in 1946; three sisters, Edith Mason, Edna Ebersole, and Vera Erman; and a brother, Oliver Hanna.

Services are at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Hudson United Brethren Church with Pastors Craig Burkholder and Jason Hollopeter officiating. Visitation will be at Swiss Village in Berne Monday 4-7 p.m. and Tuesday 4-7 p.m. at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, and one hour before service. Graveside



**Mrs. Sanders**

services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Sherwood Cemetery, Sherwood Ohio.

Memorials to donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to [www.dalejohnsonfh.com](http://www.dalejohnsonfh.com)

## **Robert Buss**

GARRETT — Robert A. Buss, 69, of Garrett went to be with his lord Saturday, October 30, 2010, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born in Waterloo July 23, 1941, to the late George and Bethel (Hanes) Buss.

He was a U.S. Navy Veteran. He worked as a tool maker and process engineer for International Harvester, then he worked for Dana Corporation as a buyer until his retirement in 2004.

He was a member of County Line Church of God. He was a former Boy Scout Leader. He volunteered at the Albion Food Pantry and was a founding member of the Jackson Township Volunteer Fire Department.

He married Joyce Wheeler on June 1, 1963, in Auburn and she survives in Garrett. He is also survived by a daughter and two sons, Natalie (Rick) Taylor of Chillicothe, Ohio, R. Bryan Buss of Murrells Inlet, S.C., and Scott (Amanda) Buss of Avilla; six grandchildren; a sister and four brothers, Susan Davis of Owensboro, Ky., Kenneth (Peggy) Buss of Waterloo, Albert "Jake" Buss of Sturgis, Mich., DeWayne (Julie) Buss of Auburn and Claude Buss Jr. of Auburn.

A Celebration of Life service will be 11 a.m. Tuesday November 2, 2010,



**Mr. Buss**

at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, Auburn, with Pastor Kevin Smith officiating. The family will receive friends Monday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to a charity of the donor's choice.

To view an obituary online or send condolences visit [fellerandclark.com](http://fellerandclark.com).

## **Larry Harrold**

BUTLER — Larry A. Harrold, 68, died Saturday, October 30, 2010.

He was born on July 6, 1942, in DeKalb County to Kenneth and Marjorie (Whistler) Harrold. Larry attended Hamilton High School and served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam. Larry was the retired owner of the Butler Car Care after 12 years, he formerly worked for Maxton Motors for 20 years, and Laub's Butler Shell for 12 years.

He married Sharon Wilson on June 17, 1972, in Angola. She survives in Butler. Also surviving are two daughters Jacqueline "Jackie" and Wes Hantz of Auburn and Yvette Harrold and Tim O'Linic of Davidson, North Carolina, a brother Robert Harrold of Butler; three sisters Mary Ann Drees of Fort Wayne, Elaine Conner of Charleston, South Carolina, and Louise Dorsey of Fort Wayne; two grandchildren Whitney and Wade Hantz of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother Eugene Harrold.

Calling will be Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler. A Celebration of Life service will be held on Saturday at 3 p.m. at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the DeKalb Heart Association or DeKalb Hospice.



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**Jeannette Hanchar**

FREMONT — Jeannette M. Hanchar, 85, of Fremont, died Sunday, Oct. 31, 2010, at Lakeland Nursing Home, Angola.

Mrs. Hanchar was a homemaker.

She was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, Angola.

She was born Dec. 27, 1924, in Fort Wayne, to Leslie and Genevive (Smith) Degitz.

She married Michael Hanchar Sr. on Oct. 27, 1942.

Surviving are three sons, Michael Hanchar Jr. of Atlanta, Ga., Phil Hanchar of Fort Wayne and Randy Hanchar of Angola; a daughter and son-in-law, Patty and John Foster of Fremont; a sister, Nancy Warner of Indianapolis; 12 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband in April 1999, a son, David Hanchar, three brothers, Joseph, James and Thomas Degitz, and a sister, Marjorie Deetz.

A funeral Mass will take place Friday at 10 a.m. at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, Angola, with Father Fred Pasche officiating.

Calling will be Thursday from 4-7 p.m. with a 6:30 p.m. prayer service at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be left at [weichtfh.com](http://www.weichtfh.com)

**Dorothy Hayward**

HUDSON — Dorothy G. Hayward, 88, died at 11:35 p.m. on Sunday Oct. 31, 2010, at Life Care Center in LaGrange.

She was a retired teacher from Prairie Heights Schools. She was a member of Mongo United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women and Gray Panthers of Prairie Heights. She was a graduate of LaGrange High School and Ball State Teachers College.

She was born in LaGrange on Feb. 15, 1922 to to Ralph and Nellie (Goodwin) Blough. She married Donald L. Hayward on Feb. 4, 1945, and they were married for 65 years. He survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter in law, Richard L. and Marty Hayward of LaGrange; a daughter and son-in-law, Susan D. and Robert Head of Fremont; nine grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter Brooke "Penny" Hayward.

Services will be Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at Mongo United Methodist with the Rev. James Bartlett and her grandson, the Rev. Andrew Hayward, officiating. Burial will be in Lake Bethel Cemetery.

Calling will be Wednesday from 4-7 p.m. at Johnson Funeral Home and at the church one hour prior to services Thursday.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may left at [www.dalejohnsonfh.com](http://www.dalejohnsonfh.com)

**Hulda Duncan**

CHURUBUSCO — Hulda L. Duncan, 88, of rural Churubusco, died at 4:30 p. m. on Sunday, Oct. 31, 2010, at the Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a. m. at St. John's Lutheran Church — Lake Township, 7914 W. Cook Road. Burial will be in the Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

Calling will be Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco or at the church one hour prior to the service on Wednesday.

Memorials are to St. John's Lutheran Church — Lake Township, or Churubusco Youth For Christ.

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### **Jean Greathouse**

**BIG LONG LAKE —** Jean Greathouse of Big Long Lake in LaGrange County lost her courageous battle with breast cancer on Sunday, Oct. 31. She was surrounded by her loving family.



**Mrs.  
Greathouse**

Jean was born March 24, 1937, in Glen Ridge, N.J. and moved to Columbus, Ind., in 1952. She graduated from Columbus High School in 1955 and Hanover College in 1959. She was a proud member of the Phi Mu Sorority.

She married Keith Greathouse on Sept. 19, 1959 in Columbus. Her professional career included nearly 40 years with the Family and Social Services Administration as a caseworker, supervisor and consultant. After retiring in 1999, she worked part time for Job Works, RISE, Inc. in Angola. At the time of her death, she worked part time at W.I.C. in Angola.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Arlene and Arthur Kimberley, and her beloved twin sister, JoAnn Morris Moody.

Survivors included husband of 51 years, Keith; daughters, Kristi (Steve) Quick of Fishers, Janie (Mark) Fransen of Fort Wayne; also, nieces, Kelley (Donny) Adair, Kim Morris, Candace (Bob) DuBrof; nephews, Jeffrey (Remy) Morris, Alan (Carla) Greathouse; and cousin, Alison (Art) Finko.

Also surviving are her adopted family members, Kelley, Mike and Jared Ginther and Devin Gilliam.

### **Thelma Beiswanger**

**KENDALLVILLE —** Thelma J. (Myers) Beiswanger, 84, of Kendallville died Monday, Nov. 1, 2010, at 9:15 a.m. in Lutheran Life Villages, Kendallville.

Mrs. Beiswanger was a lifetime area resident.

She owned and operated the Majic Mirror Beauty Shop in Kendallville for 10 years. She had also worked as a bookkeeper for Wible Realty in Auburn.



**Mrs.  
Beiswanger**

She was a member of the Tri Kappa Associate Chapter, volunteered at the Friendship Food Pantry in Kendallville and also was involved with the LaOtto School Alumni. She enjoyed gardening, birdwatching and her pets.

She was born Dec. 8, 1925, in Allen County to Charles and Emelia (Habig) Myers.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Suzanne "Suzie" and Bob Conrad of Kendallville; two grandsons, Tracy Conrad and Troy and Michele Conrad; and four great-grandchildren, Ali Conrad, Dylan Conrad, Brooke Conrad, and Ty Conrad.

She was preceded in death by a son, Michael Beiswanger in 1959, a brother, Paul Myers, and a sister, Helen Krider.

Funeral services will be Thursday at 10 a.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 South State Street, Kendallville, with Chaplain David Griebel officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Casketbearers will be Harold Troyer, Ed Stringfellow, Elvia Rimmel, Cam Schoeck, Chris Cleveland and Bryce Abbs.

Calling will be Wednesday from 4-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Lutheran Life Villages in Kendallville or the Friendship Food Pantry.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com)

Funeral services are 11 a.m. Thursday at First Presbyterian Church, 300 W. Wayne Street, Fort Wayne, with calling one hour prior. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Calling also is from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at D. O. McComb and Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, Fort Wayne.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Turnstone Center or the Susan G. Komen for the cure.

To sign the online guest book, go to [www.mccombandsons.com](http://www.mccombandsons.com)

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### Charles Spidel

KENDALLVILLE — Charles Eugene "Charlie" Spidel, 79, of Amarillo, Texas, died Wednesday, Oct. 13, 2010.

Charlie was born Sept. 2, 1931, near South Milford, Indiana, and raised on the family farm.

He graduated from Kendallville High School in 1949 and entered the Army Air Corps. He was a veteran of the Korean War, serving as a sergeant/radio operator in MATS (Military Air Transportation Service) in Alaska from 1949-1953.

Charlie married Gloria Baldwin in 1952 and returned to Indiana after his discharge.

After a brief attempt at farming, followed by a number of other brief vocations, Charlie found his niche with Nationwide Insurance Co., where he blossomed as a successful agent, being promoted to district manager in Terre Haute, Ind., and Pinellas County, Fla. He retired in 1994 after 30 years of employment. The last years of his retirement had been spent peacefully in Amarillo.

Charlie also was a devout Christian who placed his faith in Christ alone for salvation. His life bore much fruit of mature faith. In addition to many years of diaconal service, Charlie's life was marked by quiet grace, a friendly personality, a simple outlook on life and a benevolent and giving spirit.



Mr. Spidel

He took great joy in "visitation," supporting the church "behind the scenes" and opening up his home to others. He taught Bible study for recovering alcoholics, supported benevolent works for the poor and often opened his home to the needy.

He was loved by many and will be missed by all. He died peacefully in his sleep and is now in the glorious presence of God.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father, Gwendelwyn and Maynard; a brother, Carrol; a son, Dwight Spidel; and grandson who was stillborn, Jonathon.

Survivors include his wife, whom he loved for 58 years; Gloria; a brother and sister-in-law, Ted and Shirley Spidel of Kendallville; and three sisters, Evelyn and Glenn Rowe of Kendallville, Carolyn and Ralph Knott of Haines City, Florida and Joy Spidel Krug of Kendallville. He leaves a heritage through three Spidel sons and their wives, Bruce and Twilla Spidel of Terre Haute. Keith and Pam

Spidel of Safety Harbor and Kurtis and Celee Spidel of Amarillo; daughter-in-law, Crystal Spidel; 15 grandchildren, Sarah, Joshua, Nicholas, Matthew, Samantha, Christopher, David, Timothy, Elizabeth, Kurtis Jr., Gracie, Mia, Wyatt, Lucie and Charles, who was named after Charlie; and nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Mr. Spidel will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, November 6, at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with an hour of visitation before the service.

Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery in LaGrange County. The Rev. Kurtis Spidel will officiate. The family suggests memorials be to Faith Baptist Church, 7603 S.W. 77th Ave., Amarillo, TX 79119.

Send a condolence to the family at [www.hitefuneralhome.com](http://www.hitefuneralhome.com)

### Nora Greuter

WATERLOO — Nora J. "June" Greuter, 71 of

Waterloo died Saturday, October 30, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn. Arrangements are pending at Feller and Clark Funeral Home.



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### **Martha Miller**

**GARRETT** — Martha J. Miller, 72, of Garrett died Monday, Nov. 1, 2010, at Cameron Hospital in Angola.

Mrs. Miller was a collator at Renaissance Publishing, Auburn, retiring in 2001.



She was a **Mrs. Miller** member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn, and the Ashley Eastern Star Lodge No. 229.

She was born July 13, 1938, in Whitley County to Harold and Helen (Traster) Cooperrider and they preceded her in death. She married Edward E. Miller on Sept. 6, 1958, in Columbia City and he died Oct. 12, 2002.

Surviving are a daughter, Annmarie Miller-Fuentes of Ashley, and a sister, Mary J. Huffman of Bushnell, Fla.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Sue Ann VanHouten, and a son, Edward A. Miller.

Due to her wishes, there will be no services. Burial will take place in Christian Union Cemetery at Garrett.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or the donor's choice.

Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett is in charge of arrangements.

Send a condolence or sign the on-line register book by visiting [www.thomasfuneralhome.org](http://www.thomasfuneralhome.org)

### **Alvin O'Neal**

**ST. JOE** — Alvin Paul O'Neal, 75, passed away peacefully on October 31, 2010 from lung cancer while receiving treatment in Houston, Texas.

Born in Carroll, Iowa, on June 15, 1935, Alvin resided in Early, Iowa, Angola, Ind., Phoenix, Ariz., and most recently St. Joe, Ind.

During his career as a journeymen lineman and senior electrical inspector, he traveled throughout the country and around the world. In 2000, he was awarded the IBEW Lifesaver Award.

Alvin was an avid sportsman, automobile enthusiast and private pilot.

He is survived by his wife, Thyra Faye; his five children, David and wife Ginny (Cocoa, Fla.), Todd (Allen, Texas), Paige and husband Hugh Smith (Fort Wayne, Ind.), Derek and wife Heather (Melbourne, Fla.), Erin and husband Lonnie Miller (Allen, Texas); one stepdaughter, Pamela Burgart (Phoenix, Ariz.), 18 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, November 6, 2010, at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 South Center Street, Auburn, Ind., with Toby Miller officiating.

The family will receive friends 1 hour prior to the service Saturday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the Tenth and Jackson Church of Christ in Auburn.

To view an obituary online or send condolences visit [fellerandclark.com](http://fellerandclark.com)

### **Karen Hughes**

**CLEAR LAKE** — Karen Sue Hughes, age 59, of Clear Lake, Indiana, died November 2, 2010, at 3:30 a.m. after a courageous battle with cancer.



**Mrs. Hughes**

She is survived by her two sons, Patrick Hughes (Megan) and Christopher Hughes (Tracy); her mother, Ruth Nicolet; and sister, Kaylene Duncan (Doug).

She was preceded in death by her father, Robert Nicolet.

She graduated from Concordia High School prior to attending Indiana University to become a teacher. Karen worked as director of Franke Day Camp in Fort Wayne and at Wee Creations in Fremont.

She was an active member of the Tri Kappa Sorority.

The visitation will take place on November 5th from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Peace Lutheran Church located at 355 E. S.R. 120, Fremont, IN 46737.

A service celebrating the amazing life of Karen will be held at Peace Lutheran Church on Saturday, November 6, at 11 a.m., with the Rev. Wayne Berkesch officiating.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Clear Lake Land Conservancy or Wee Creations Pre-School at Peace Lutheran Church in Fremont, IN.

Arrangements are by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, Indiana.

Condolences may be sent online to [www.beamsfuneralhome.com](http://www.beamsfuneralhome.com)

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**Kymberly Shortridge**

KENDALLVILLE — On Tuesday, November 2, 2010, Kymberly Kristin Shortridge drifted away to touch the face of God and into the waiting arms of her beloved Dad, Walter Doerflein, and her Grandma Rie.



**Mrs.  
Shortridge**

Kym married her high school sweetheart, Craig, and together they have a son, Spencer, age 11. They survive in Avilla. Also surviving are her mother, Colleen Doerflein, and two sisters, Stephanie Doerflein and Jennifer (Gary) Hines all of Fort Wayne, and neices and nephews, Jesse, Jordan, Sarah, Noah, John, Savannah, Nicki, Carrie, and Chad.

Kym wasted none of her 44 years. She graduated from Snider High School, became a registered nurse, and a Certified Diabetic Clinician, but the career she loved most was being wife to Craig and mom to Spencer. She loved being the "Room Mom" at Spencer's school.

Pets were always a part of her life. She leaves behind to grieve her two cats, horses, Dixie and Butterscotch, and dogs, a Papion named Missy, and a Golden Retriever named Buttercup, a Paws to Read dog who wore a bright scarf and went with Kym to the library.

Kym will always and forever be a beautiful irreplaceable interlude in our lives. We love you, Kym.

Funeral services will be Saturday, November 6, 2010, at 10:30 a.m. in St. John Lutheran Church, 301 South Oak Street, Kendallville, with Rev. Paul B. Griebel officiating. Burial will be at 1:30 p.m. in the Catholic Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Pallbearers will be Jesse and Jordan Doerflein, Noah, John and Gary Hines, and Spencer Shortridge.

Calling is Friday, November 5, 2010, from 3 to 8 p.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 South State Street, Kendallville and one hour prior to services at the church on Saturday.

Preferred memorials are to Lutheran Social Services in Fort Wayne or to Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital in care of University Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at [www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com)

## **David Ellis Mauzy, 53**

David Ellis Mauzy, age 53, of Kendallville died unexpectedly on Friday, October 29, 2010 at his residence in Kendallville.

Mr. Mauzy was born in Warsaw, Indiana on January 22, 1957 to Leonard Ellis and Norma Leone (Weimer) Mauzy.

He graduated from Carroll High School in 1975.

He married Toye Lynn Yant on May 23, 1981 at Lake Chapel in Fort Wayne.

Dave was the traveling store manager and employed, since 1974, with Scott's Food (now Kroger).

He was based in Waynedale and worked in the grocery business for about 35 years.

Dave was responsible for opening the Scott's store in Kendallville.

Dave loved spending free time with his grandkids. He enjoyed cooking and barbeque grilling.

He loved the Rolling Stones music and was an I.U. Basketball and Chicago Bears football fan.

He enjoyed playing golf and he loved driving his new Jeep Liberty.

Survivors include; his wife, Toye Mauzy of Kendallville, son, Jason and Jodi Beaupre of Kendallville, daughter, Cassandra Mauzy and Shane Smith both of Avilla, three grandchildren; Brinley Jean Beaupre, Drew Wesley Smith and Brayton David Smith, his parents; Leonard and Norma Mauzy of Fort Wayne, brothers; Duke and Nancy Mauzy and Dan Mauzy of Fort Wayne, Father and mother-in-law, Jim and Nancy Yant of Columbia City.

He was preceded in death by mother-in-law, Gloria Yant, who died in 1978.

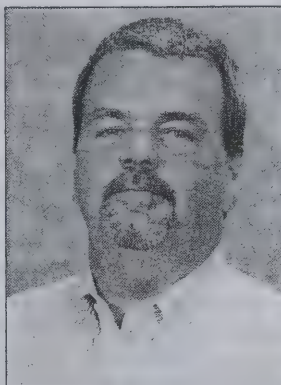
Funeral services were Tuesday, November 2, 2010 at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service was Pastor James Archambeault.

Burial was at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Preferred memorials may be made to donor's choice.

Send a condolence to the family at [www.hitefuneralhome.com](http://www.hitefuneralhome.com) or find us on Facebook.com.





## **Frances V. Wolf, 89**

Frances V. Wolf, 89, loved living in Avilla, spending time with her many friends, neighbors and relatives in a small town.

The former Avilla resident and Avilla town clerk office employee died Saturday, Oct. 16, 2010, in Mease Country-side Hospital in Safety Harbor, Fla. She had lived in Florida the past 15 years.

"Mom loved talking about the good old days," said her son, Charlie Wolf. "When we kids were growing up, she said no one in the neighborhood ever locked their doors. Neighbors always looked out for each other, even going into each other's home to shut windows during a rain storm or taking laundry down from the clothesline."

Mrs. Wolf helped her grandchildren learn the value of hard work, discipline and perseverance. Granddaughter Tish Strickler remembered spending many hours with her grandmother learning practical skills like cooking, tending the garden and fishing.

"Along the way she also taught me about living your life with love and compassion for others," said Strickler.

Granddaughter Kris Perrone did her grandmother's hair once a week for 25 years and often heard her grandmother tell stories of her younger days. Mrs. Wolf always told her granddaughter at these appointments: "Honey, I love you, so enjoy life like I did. Those were my favorite years."

Mrs. Wolf and her late husband, Charles Wolf, were married 45 years and raised four children, son and daughter-in-law Charles and Judy Wolf of Kendallville, and daughters Sharon and Rich Vendrely of Sebring, Fla., Pat and Max Cleland of Oldsmar, Fla., and Debra Wolf of Holiday, Fla.

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She enjoyed spending time with her seven grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Daughter Deb Wolf remembers how much she enjoyed shopping with her mother and stopping at McDonald's or Wendy's for a sandwich and conversation. They also spent time together playing cards and watching their favorite Disney movies.

Daughter Pat Cleland said fishing was a big part of her parents' life together.

"She told me about every day, dad would nudge her about 5:30 a.m. and say, 'The fish are biting.' She would make sandwiches, and away they would go," she said. When her mother was a Cub Scout leader, she took her Scout troop fishing. All she did was untangle lines and take turtles and fish off hooks.

"Mom told me the boys would cry when the fish would bleed and accuse her of killing them," Cleland said.

One thing Mrs. Wolf taught her daughter, Sharon Vendrely, was not to take more than her share at the dinner table the first time around. Vendrely recalled one time when the family had company had visitors, and her mother fixed breaded cube steak and Vendrely took two pieces. Her mother wanted to teach her daughter a lesson.

"One night when I came home from work, she had fixed swiss steak, which I loved. As usual, I took two pieces that night also," said Vendrely. This time her mother had fixed liver disguised to look and smell like swiss steak. "I had to eat every bite on my plate, and it wasn't easy, as I hated liver," said Vendrely, who learned a lesson that day.

Granddaughter Mary Jane Dalke remembered the time she lost a contact lens while riding her bike at her grandparents' house. Her grandmother found the blue contact on a blade of grass.

"We could not believe it," said Dalke. "She had eagle eyes."

Grandsons Zach and Josh Wolf remembered how much they enjoyed fishing with their grandparents, climbing the trees on their grandparents' property and playing card games with them, such as Uno and Skip-Bo. They had so much fun playing cards, they didn't want to leave, according to Zach Wolf.

Mrs. Wolf loved watching her grandsons play sports.

"She was so proud of each and every one of her grandkids, and they meant a world to her," said Charlie Wolf.

A celebration of life graveside service for Frances V. Wolf will be Saturday, Nov. 20, at 2 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery in Avilla.

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**LaDonna Neat, 87**

LaDonna "Dolly" Neat, 87, passed away Monday, November 1, 2010 at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Born in Garrett, LaDonna retired from Classic Company in 1987. She was a member of St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Church, Rosary Society at St. Vincent's, and American Legion Auxiliary, Post #499.

Surviving are her son, John C. Neat of Fort Wayne; daughter, Becky J. Tester; three grandchildren; four



great-grandchildren; and sister, Mary Smith of Texas.

LaDonna was preceded in death by her first husband, Charles W. Gallogly; second husband, Lynn E. Neat; brothers, W. Harry Pickett and James Pickett; and sister, Doretha Baker.

Private services and arrangements with D.O. McComb and Sons.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association.

To sign the online guest book, go to [www.mccombandsons.com](http://www.mccombandsons.com).

**Hulda L. Duncan, 88**

Hulda L. Duncan, 88, of rural Churubusco, died at 4:30 p. m. on Sunday, Oct. 31, 2010, at the Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Services were Wednesday at St. John's Lutheran Church — Lake Township, 7914 W. Cook Road. Burial was in the Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

Memorials are to St. John's Lutheran Church — Lake Township, or Churubusco Youth For Christ.



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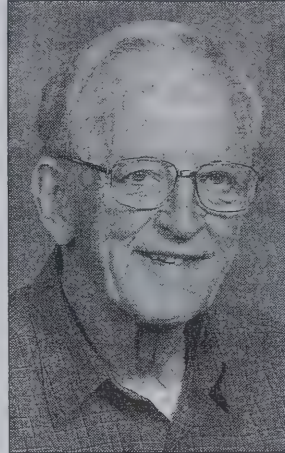
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### **Grover H. Patrick, 86**

Former Ligonier Mayor, Grover H. Patrick, age 86, of Ligonier, IN passed away on Tuesday October 26, 2010 at 2:42 p.m. at Northridge Village in Albion.



He was born on November 26, 1923 in Yale, Kentucky to Green and Lou Ellen (Reed) Patrick. He moved to the Ligonier area in 1937. On May 11, 1947 he married Laura "Katie" Tully. She preceded him in death in 1986.



Mr. Patrick served his country honorably in the United States Navy from 1943-1945 and also in the Army from 1949-1953. He owned and operated several service stations over the years and served as Mayor of Ligonier from 1972-1975 and 1984-1991. He was also on the city council from 1964-1967, 1968-1971 and 1980-1983. In 1990 he was

named Citizen of the Year.

He attended the Ligonier Evangelical Church and was a member of the Elks, Eagles, American Legion, Masonic Lodge, Shriners, VFW and many numerous civic organizations. He was also a volunteer fireman.

Mr. Patrick is survived by his children, Mona (Bob) Ritchie of Kimmell, Jeffrey L. (Tammy) Patrick of Republic, Missouri; grandchildren, Paul Briggs, Laura Stump, Joseph Patrick, Rebecca Patrick, Jacy Salzbrun, Troy Ritchie; and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, parents, five brothers and two sisters.

A funeral service was held in his honor on Saturday, October 30, 2010 at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier with Pastor Troy Diersing of Ligonier Evangelical Church. Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Military Honors were conducted at the graveside by the American Legion Post 243 in Ligonier.

The family would like to offer special thanks to Angie of Whitley County Hospice along with all the staff of Northridge Village for the exceptional care that was given to Mr. Patrick during his illness.

Memorial contributions are to Shriners' Hospital, 2211 North Park Ave., Chicago, IL 60707 ([www.shrinershq.org](http://www.shrinershq.org)), The National Autism Association, 1330 W. Schatz, Nixa, MO 65714 ([www.nationalautismassociation.org](http://www.nationalautismassociation.org)), or The Huntington Society, P.O. Box 70, Richland, MI 49083 ([www.hdsa.org](http://www.hdsa.org)).

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## **Jack Earl Hart, 82**

Jack Earl Hart, age 82, of Kendallville died on Friday, October 29, 2010 at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.



Mr. Hart was born in Ray, Indiana on March 31, 1928 to the late Ray and Addie Luella (Reade) Hart.

He was a retired electrician from the United States Navy, EM1 Submarine Service.

He married Joy LeGeanne Blair Hart on April 2, 1950.

Jack's last place of employment was with Parker-Hannifin in Albion before retiring in 1992.

He was a member of the United States Submarine Veterans, Masonic Lodge #276 of Kendallville, Noble Chapter #122, Order of Eastern Star of Kendallville, Scottish Rite and Mizpah Shrine both in Fort Wayne, the Fleet Reserve Association and life member American Legion.

Jack mostly enjoyed spending time with family.

Survivors include his wife of 60 years; Joy Hart of Kendallville; daughters, Dixie and Jim Brown and Luella Campbell, both of Kendallville; son, Ray Hart of Kendallville; four grandchildren: Jaclyn and Stewart Bender of Topeka, Adam Hart of Kendallville, Nicholas Hart, U.S. Navy, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, and Nathan Brown of Kendallville; two step-granddaughters, Victoria Campbell of Kendallville and Venessa and Pat Perkins of Kendallville; seven great grandchildren, Seth Bender, Taylor Bender, Scott Ritchie, Addison Bender, Olyvia Hart, Reece Hart, and Nixon Hart; five step-great-grandchildren, Paige Baker, Peyton Baker, Tosha Perkins, Alissa Perkins and Zachary Perkins; brother, Gailen and Ada Hart of Florida; a very special family to the Hart family, Mike and Heather Antal and their daughters, Tori and Alex; many nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by two sons, Bradley D. Hart, who died November 6, 2006; and Darrell Hart, who died November 18, 1950; a grandson, Brandon Brown who died November 6, 1984; brothers, Ralph, Douglas, Carroll "Cy", and Wendell Hart; and sisters, Ilene Mock, Connie Gruber, Dixie Hunter, and Val Hart.

Memorial services were Monday, November 1, 2010 at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with an hour of visitation before the funeral service.

Officiating the funeral service was Pastor Jim Barnes.

Burial will be at Woodland Cemetery in Wolcottville, Indiana at a later date.

Preferred memorials may be made to Shrine Children's Hospital or American Cancer Association.

Send a condolence to the family at [www.hitefuneral-home.com](http://www.hitefuneral-home.com)

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**Rodger Kinney**

STUART, Fla. — Rodger H. Kinney, 58, of Stuart, Fla., and formerly of Butler, died Oct. 18, 2010, at Martin Memorial Medical Center in Stuart.



**Mr. Kinney**

He was born May 15, 1952, to Mildred and Clement "Bud" Kinney at Coshocton, Ohio.

He grew up in the Butler area and lived in California and Florida, where he spent the last 30 years.

Rodger loved his pets, Chewie and Paton. He was an award-winning auto body mechanic. He was a photographer and loved spending time on the ocean in his boat, fishing for shark. He also enjoyed landscaping and woodworking.

He is survived by his wife of 24 years, Sherri Kinney; a son, Jason Price of Toledo, Ohio; a sister, Dorothy (Bill) Miner of Butler; a brother, William Kinney of Butler; nephews George (Marty) Miner of Mitchell, Ind., Mark (Teri) Miner of Hamilton and Scott (Lana) Miner of Butler; nieces, Sheri Robinson of Fort Wayne and Susan (Nathan) Young of Jackson, Tenn.; and great-nephews and great-nieces, Jeremy Miner, Hannah Miner, Hope Miner, Maddie Miner, Nick Miner, Andrea Robinett, Danielle Young, Joshua Young, Amy Stansbery and Eric Miner.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Bud and Mildred, his sisters, Marilyn and Beverly, a brother, Robert "Bob" Kinney, and a nephew, William D. Miner, the late Ayilla Marshal.

A memorial presentation was held Oct. 22 at All County Funeral Home & Crematory, Stuart, Fla.

Memorial contributions may be made to Treasure Coast Hospice, 1201 S.E. Indian St., Stuart, Fla. 34997.

**Michael Lengacher**

LEO-CEDARVILLE — Michael Allen Lengacher, 56, died Tuesday, Nov. 2, 2010, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Services will be Friday at noon at the Cuba Mennonite Church, 10835 Cuba Rd., Harlan.

Calling will be Friday from 10 a.m. to noon and 5-8 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the family, in care of Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, P.O. Box 165, Spencerville, IN 46788.

Arrangements are by Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville.

**Annie Bontrager**

LAGRANGE — Annie M. Bontrager, 92, of LaGrange, and formerly of Shipshewana, died at 4:25 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2010 at her residence.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. at Shore Mennonite Church, 7235 W 100 N Shipshewana. Burial will be in Shore Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. today and from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Shore Mennonite Church.

Memorials are to the Marion Mennonite Church building fund.

**Dr. Thomas Williams**

FREMONT — Dr. Thomas J. Williams, of Clear Lake, died Tuesday

evening at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home in Angola.

**Donald Gillespie**

LIGONIER — Donald "Whitey" Gillespie, 84, of Ligonier, died Wednesday morning, Nov. 3, 2010 at his residence. Arrangements are pending at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Visitation will be Friday, Nov. 5 from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Services will be at 11 a.m. at the funeral home, with visitation one hour before the service.



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## Harry Furgason

KENDALLVILLE — Harry Furgason, 77, of Kendallville, formerly of Tecumseh, Mich., passed away at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, IN, on Tuesday, November 2, 2010. Harry was born in Tecumseh on March 11, 1933, to Edward LaVerne and Leora Myrtle (Gregg) Furgason.

He worked for over 30 years for Tecumseh Products, retiring in 1993. He very much enjoyed studying and learning about trains, and spending time with his family and grandkids.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his son, Terry (Janelle) Furgason of North Vernon, IN; his daughter, Cheryl (Rabon Jr.) Vincent of Kendallville, IN; brothers, Walter (Janet) Furgason of Britton and Jim (Connie) Furgason of Clinton; sisters, Jean Jones of Lake Placid, FL and Norma (Alton) Hayford of Ridgeway; 5 grandchildren, Skylar and Wesley Furgason, Joyelle Kennedy, Candace (Allan) Leslie, and Rabon III, and 3 great grandchildren. Sadly, his parents, 3 brothers, and 3 sisters preceded him in death.

Visitation for Harry will be on Friday, November 5, from 2-4 PM and 6-8 PM, at the Tecumseh Chapel of the Handler Funeral Homes, where funeral services celebrating his life will be held on Saturday, at 11 AM, with burial following at Tipton Cemetery. Rev. Tom McMichael of Gateway Church, Onsted will officiate.

Visitation at the funeral home on Saturday from 10 a.m. until the time of services. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts in his name may be given to the Diabetes Association.

## Harris Davison

ANGOLA — Harris Quentin Paul Davison, 2 1/2, of Angola, died Monday, Nov. 1, 2010, at Riley Children's Hospital, Indianapolis.

He was born Jan. 22, 2008, in Angola.

Surviving are his parents, Harold Paul Davison and Namaste Edith Tafel Davison of Angola; five brothers, Bo A. Brown of Miami, Fla., and Zachery P. Davison, Noah A. Davison, Hayden T. Seeman and Beck C.M. Davison, all of Angola; a sister, Cooper L. Brown of Kalamazoo, Mich.; and grandparents, Larry and Deb Davis of Angola and Richard Tafel of Pennsylvania.

He was preceded in death by his great-grandparents, Edward and Helen Dudley.

Private family services will take place. Burial will be in Hollister Cemetery in Steuben County.

Condolences may left at [weichthf.com](http://weichthf.com)

Arrangements are by the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.



**Harris Davison**

## Nora Greuter

WATERLOO — Nora J. "June" Greuter, 71, died Saturday, Oct. 30, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

She was born Nov. 23, 1938, in DeKalb County to Floyd and Martha Carroll.

She worked at Aro Corporation in Waterloo for more than 29 years, retiring in 1992. She then went to work at Airway in Auburn for six years.

She married Don Greuter on Aug. 29, 1969, and he preceded her in death on April 29, 2009.

Surviving are two sons, Charles Jefferies of Garrett and James Collingsworth of Indianapolis; two daughters, Cynthia Wines of Bryan, Ohio, and Lori Barth of Defiance, Ohio; two brothers, Sam Carroll and Donald Carroll, both of Plymouth; two sisters, Alta Richman of Goshen and Clara Popenfoose of Warsaw; nine grandchildren; and 11 stepgrandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father, her stepfather, Sylvester Wilcox, two daughters, Virginia Brake and Susan Collingsworth, a brother, Floyd "Bud" Carroll, and a sister, Maxine Blancher.

Graveside services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Humane Society.

Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Auburn is handling arrangements.

Condolences may be left at [fellerandclark.com](http://fellerandclark.com)

Online condolences, along with words of inspiration and comfort may be offered to the family by visiting the obituary page at [www.handlerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.handlerfuneralhomes.com)

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### Paul Hostetler Jr.

SHIPSHEWANA — Paul Hostetler Jr., 80, of Shipshewana died at his residence on Nov. 4, 2010 at 10:50 a.m. when he went to be with his precious Lord and Savior.



**Mr. Hostetler**

He was born Aug. 9, 1930 in Topeka to Paul and Ruth (Hooley) Hostetler. On May 29, 1949 he married the love of his life, Mabel Weirich at the Shipshewana United Methodist Church, and they have resided in Shipshewana since that time.

Paul is survived by his wife, Mabel; three daughters, Kaye Beck of Middlebury, Karen (Manuel) Ponce and Vickie (Steve) Pletcher both of Shipshewana; four grandchildren, Monica, Megan, Brett and Brian; two great-grandchildren, Camryn and Avery; two stepgreat-grandchildren, Ethan and Landon; a brother, Ernest (Jane) Hostetler of Alexandria; three sisters, Joyce Murphy of Goshen, JoAnn Yoder of Topeka and Rosie (Alfred) Miller of Shipshewana; and many nieces and nephews.

Paul was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Carolyn Troyer; and his great-granddaughter, Dawn.

Paul was employed by Shipshewana State Bank for 45 years, with 33 of those years in the administrative role. Prior to his retirement in 1994, he served for 16 years as the President, and then as the C.E.O. and Chairman of the Board.

In 1968 he graduated from the University of Wisconsin School of Banking. Throughout his banking career he was associated with the Indiana Bankers Association. Paul served as President of Region One, was on the Board of Directors for the entire state, and represented Indiana on the American Bankers Association Community Bank Council.

Paul continued his financial career by establishing Ag Financial LLC, for Ed's Supply of Shipshewana in 1994. He continued working as general manager of that business up until May of this year when he became ill.

His community service has been felt throughout LaGrange County as he was the founding director of the LaGrange County Community Foundation in 1991, and served with them for nine years. In 1994 he was named LaGrange County Citizen of the year. In Shipshewana, Paul served on the beautification committee for the town, was the former president of the Shipshewana Lions Club, was currently on the

Shipshewana Sewer Board, and in 2001 was named the Shipshewana Lions Club Citizen of the Year.

Dedicating his life to serving others brought him great joy. The outpouring of support, appreciation and love was very evident throughout these last six months of his life.

Paul was one of the founders of the Shipshewana Church of the Nazarene in 1961. He served on the church board as a trustee for 48 years and as church treasurer for thirty five years prior to his retirement in April of this year. He taught Sunday school class for 39 years, and in 1986 was honored as the Sunday school teacher of the year for the Northeast Indian District of the Church of the Nazarene.

He was a kind, compassionate and loving man, who was respected by all. His powerful witness for Jesus was very apparent to all that knew him.

Friends may call from 2 to 8 p.m. on Saturday and from 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday at the Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, 1003 S. Main Street, Middlebury. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the Shore Mennonite Church, Shipshewana, and will be conducted by Pastor Andy Dayton of the Shipshewana Church of the Nazarene. Burial will follow in Shore Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to Shipshewana Church of the Nazarene Building Fund, P.O. Box 346 Shipshewana, IN, 46565.

Online condolences may be left at [millerstewartfuneralhome.com](http://millerstewartfuneralhome.com)

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**Police: Crash on S.R.  
9 kills one Thursday**

KENDALLVILLE — A person died in a crash Thursday night near the intersection of S.R. 9 and U.S. 6, Indiana State Police reported.

The crash involved a car and a semi tractor. No further details were available at press time.

**Donald Gillespie**

LIGONIER — Donald "Whitey" Gillespie, 84, of Ligonier, died Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2010, at 3:30 a.m. at his residence.

A lifetime area resident, Mr. Gillespie worked for Wirk

Garment Factory after returning from the service. He then went to work for Superior Sample in Ligonier, where he worked over 40 years as the maintenance superintendent until his retirement.

He retired as Fire Chief from the Ligonier Fire Department in 1993 after over 40 years of service, 27 of which were served as chief.

He graduated from Cromwell High School and served his country in the United States Marines from 1943-47. He was a life member of the NRA, American Legion Post 243



**Mr. Gillespie**

in Ligonier, Ligonier VFW, Ligonier Elks and a past member of the Indiana Volunteer Fireman Association.

He was born March 24, 1926, in Noble County to Russell and Helen (Ponko) Baker.

He married Rosemary Prucinsky on Aug. 6, 1949, and she survives in Ligonier.

Also surviving are three sons and their spouses, Stephen Gillespie of Houston, Texas, Michael and Melissa Gillespie of Whiteland and Christopher and Penny Gillespie of Ligonier; 10 grandchildren: Daniel Gillespie, Benjamin Scott, Kevin Sheley, Adam (Mackenzi) Gillespie, Tyler Gillespie, Rachel Gillespie, Scott Gillespie, Kaitlyn Pergrem, Alley Pergrem and Alex Gillespie; seven great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Dorothy McFarren of Ligonier and Denise (Lowell) Galloway of Kendallville.

He was preceded in death by two children, Tina Smith in 1979 and Robin Pergrem in 1993, his parents and an infant grandchild, Eric Michael Gillespie.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, with Pastor Jean Ness officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier with military graveside honors.

Calling will be today from 2-8 p.m. and one hour prior to the funeral.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK 73123 or The Noble County Humane Shelter, P.O. Box 471, Kendallville, IN 46755.

Condolences may be left at yeagerfuneralhome.com

**Elita Day**

KENDALLVILLE — Elita Day, 53, of Kendallville died Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2010 in her residence.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville.



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**Delores Mills**

FREMONT — Delores June Mills, 88, of Fremont, died Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2010 at the home of her granddaughter in Kendallville.

Mrs. Mills was born in Fort Wayne on Nov. 7, 1921 to the late Forrest Hagan and Anna (Leffers) Jordan.



**Mrs. Mills**

She married Robert Eugene Mills on Sept. 21, 1940 in Fort Wayne. Mr. Mills preceded her death in February 1995.

Delores was a homemaker and she also worked outside the home. She was employed with the Herald Republican newspaper in Angola in the distribution department, and later, with the Fremont Community School Corporation in the cafeteria.

Delores loved her flowers and tending to her rose gardens. She loved having her family and grandchildren around to visit and she enjoyed cooking and baking. In her younger years, Delores was very active volunteering with many different organizations.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Beverly and Bob Dahman of Snow Lake near Fremont; five grandchildren, Bob Mills of Fort Wayne, Katie and Aaron Gray of Kendallville, Angie and Kirk Smith of Fremont, Rob Dahman of Snow Lake, and Andrew and Lindsay Dahman of Fort Wayne; five great-grandchildren, Tylor, Austin, Allison,

**Cynthia Ward**

DUNKIRK — Cynthia Lou Ward, 58, of Dunkirk, died Thursday, Nov. 4, 2010 at Ball Memorial Hospital, Muncie.

She was born in Kendallville on Dec. 7, 1951, to the late Catherine (Calbeck) and Lloyd Leamon.



**Mrs. Ward**

She formerly was employed as a cook at Christie's Restaurant in Dunkirk. She was a 1970 graduate of West Noble High School.

She married Leamon "Jr." Ward on Sept. 1, 1990, and he survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Carrie and James Martin of Dunkirk and Candice and William Ackerman of Dunkirk; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Craig and Amanda Cassidy of Dunkirk; Cory and Daniela Ward, of Dunkirk and Lonnie Ward of Dunkirk; two stepdaughters, Carolyn Weigand of Fort Recovery, Ohio, and Christie Braun of Celina, Ohio; two stepsons David Riley of Port Saint Lucie, Fla., and Matthew Burkey of Port Saint Lucie, Fla.; 22 grandchildren; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Melissa Leamon of Cromwell and Beverly and Jim Moseman, of Warsaw; and three brothers and a sister-in-law, Robert Leamon of Cromwell, Joseph Leamon, of Cromwell and Sherm and Juliet Leamon of Syracuse.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Martin Leamon.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at MJS Mortuaries, Dunkirk Chapel, Dunkirk, with Pastor Randy Davis officiating. Graveside services will follow in I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Dunkirk.

Calling will be Saturday 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at M.J.S. Mortuaries Dunkirk Chapel.

Alivia and Maddie; two sisters, Jeanette Nau of Stanton, Neb., and Betty Weiler of Fort Wayne; and a brother, Charles Hagan of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her son, Randall Eugene Mills, who died April 14, 1994, her brother, Neal Hagan, and her sister, Margaret Ungerer.

Funeral services with burial to follow will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Bohn Chapel in Lindenwood Cemetery in Fort Wayne with visitation from 10-11 a.m. in the cemetery chapel.

Preferred Memorials may be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Association.

Arrangements are by Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville.

Condolences may be left at [hitefuneralhome.com](http://hitefuneralhome.com)

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### **Dr. Thomas Williams**

CLEAR LAKE — Dr. Thomas J. Williams died Tuesday Nov. 2, 2010 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Dr. Williams was born on Jan. 7, 1931 in North Uberland

County, Pennsylvania to the late Thomas G. and Natalie (Cohon) Williams.

Dr. Williams completed his pre-med at Capital University in Columbus, Ohio, and attended medical school at the University of Cincinnati. He practiced medicine for 44 years in various hospitals in Ohio.

He married Kathleen "Sue" (Randall) on Feb. 25, 1956 in Cincinnati, Ohio.

He was a member of the Holy Family Episcopal Church in Angola. Dr. Williams was a board member of the Faith Community Health Clinic in Angola.

Surviving Dr. Williams are his wife, Sue; five children and their spouses, Kathy and Terry Robbins of Waverly, Ohio, Gregory Williams and his fiancée, Karen, of Fort Wayne, Jeffery and Lisa Williams of Mason, Ohio, Beth and Kurt Webber of Fort Wayne and Cecily and Michael Chandler of Fort Wayne.

Also surviving is a brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Janice Williams of Florida; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Janet and Vincent Yuskoski of Mt. Carmel, Pa., and Kay Leagus of Plymouth, Mass.; 10 grandchildren, Paige Williams, Joshua Williams, William Robbins, Blaire Williams, Natalie Robbins,



**Dr. Williams**

Nolan Chandler, Sydney Webber, Reid Webber, Joseph Chandler and Cole Williams.

Not only was Tom an adoring father and loving husband, he was a quietly compassionate and generous man. He used his medical education, knowledge, and skills to care and tend to others. No person went without medical treatment in his medical practice due to inability to pay. Tom dedicated his life to looking out for others, whether it be on the sidelines of the football field, giving physicals to school athletes at no cost, or providing direction and insight to those developing a free medical clinic. Tom was an excellent doctor, but more importantly a great man.

Services for Dr. Williams will be held Saturday at 4 p.m. at Holy Family Episcopal Church, 909 S. Darling St., Angola, with the Rev. Michael T. Fulk officiating. Visitation will be held from 1 p.m. until service time.

Memorials are to the church or Faith Community Health Clinic.

Arrangements are by H.E. Johnson and Sons Funeral Home, Angola.

Condolences may be left at [hejohnsonfh.com](http://hejohnsonfh.com)

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### **Lois Vachon**

**GARRETT** — Lois W. Vachon, 84 of Garrett, and of Crooked Lake, Angola, died at 5:20 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 4, 2010 at Millers Merry Manor in Garrett.



**Mrs. Vachon**

She spent most of her life living and working in Fort Wayne.

She received her Bachelor of Science degree from Indiana University and her RN certification from Presbyterian Hospital, Chicago.

She worked for 17 years at Lutheran Hospital as the house charge nurse and 15 years at Fort Wayne Community Schools as a school nurse.

She was a member of the First Congregational United Church of Christ, Angola, the American Association of University Women and the English as a Second Language. She was a volunteer nurse for the American Red Cross in both Fort Wayne and Sebring, Fla., and at Matthew:25, Fort Wayne.

She was born Aug. 31, 1926 in Akron, Ohio, to Thomas Daniel and Ethel Mae (Davidson) Weaver and they preceded her in death.

She married Robert J. Vachon Jr. on Sept. 6, 1949 in Angola and he survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Denise (Vachon) and Harry Kaufman of Atlanta, Ga.; three sons and daughters-in-law, Douglas and Dwana Vachon of Atlanta, Matthew and Brenda Vachon of Tipton and Kirk and MaryAnn Vachon of Garrett; five grandchildren; one great grandchild; and a brother and sister-in-law, Don T. and Mary Weaver of Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-5 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with services beginning at 5 p.m. The Rev. Deborah Davis will officiate. Burial will take place at a later date in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola, IN.

Memorials are to the American Red Cross, Fort Wayne Chapter, or the Parkinson's Disease Foundation.

Condolences may be left at [thomasfuneralhome.org](http://thomasfuneralhome.org)



# Crash kills West Noble grad

Car of Wawaka resident, 19,  
struck semi head-on on U.S. 6

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KENDALLVILLE — Police have identified the victim in Thursday's fatal crash as being a 19-year-old Wawaka resident.

Kody W. Brotemarkle was

pronounced dead at the scene of the crash, which occurred at 9:50 p.m. on U.S. 6 between C.R. 300E and C.R. 400E.

According to Indiana State Police trooper John Silver, Brotemarkle was driving a 1997 Dodge Intrepid westbound on U.S. 6 when, for an unknown reason,

the vehicle traveled left of center and collided head-on with an eastbound 1998 Freightliner driven by Mark W. Rhodes, 46, of Barbeton, Ohio.

Brotemarkle was ejected from his vehicle.

Rhodes was wearing his seatbelt and was not injured.

Brotemarkle was a 2009 graduate from West Noble High School, where teachers and others remembered him Friday as an excellent student who had many friends.

"Kody was a very bright

student; very gifted. A joy to have in class," said Eric Ruckert, a science teacher at West Noble High School. "He had a superb mathematical mind. In 2009, he won the Mathletes Competition at Trine University."

Brotemarkle was also a member of the National Honor Society and was active in the school's robotics team while at West Noble.

"It is so tragic to lose a recent graduate, and we felt this loss today. He made an impact on this place," said Nate Lowe, school

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principal.

Brotemarkle's excellence in the classroom earned him a scholarship and he was attending IPFW. He was living at home with his parents and was on his way to earning his college diploma.

He was also employed at

the GameStop store in Kendallville as a senior game adviser and assistant manager. "He was a great co-worker and a great friend," said an employee on Friday. "He will be sorely missed, both personally and professionally."

Assisting at the scene

were the Noble County Sheriff's Department, the Noble County Coroner's Office, Noble County EMS, Orange Township Fire Department and the Rome City Police Department.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Yeager Funeral Home, Ligonier.

## THE NEWS SUN

Kendallville, IN

November 6, 2010, Saturday

### Cynthia Ward

DUNKIRK — Cynthia Lou Ward, 58, of Dunkirk, died Thursday, Nov. 4, 2010 at Ball Memorial Hospital, Muncie,

She was born in Kendallville on Dec. 7, 1951, to the late Catherine (Calbeck) and Lloyd Leamon.

She formerly was employed as a cook at Christie's Restaurant in Dunkirk. She was a 1970 graduate of West Noble High School.

She married Leemon "Jr." Ward on Sept. 1, 1990, and he survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Carrie and James Martin of Dunkirk and Candice and William Ackerman of Dunkirk; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Craig and Amanda Cassidy of Dunkirk; Cory and Daniela Ward, of Dunkirk and Lonnie Ward of Dunkirk; two stepdaughters, Carolyn Weigand of Fort Recovery, Ohio, and Christie Braun of Celina, Ohio; two stepsons David Riley of Port Saint Lucie, Fla., and Matthew Burkey of Port Saint Lucie, Fla.; 22 grandchildren; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Melissa Leamon of Cromwell and Beverly and Jim Moseman, of Warsaw; and three brothers and a sister-in-law, Robert Leamon of Cromwell, Joseph Leamon, of Cromwell and Sherm and Juliet Leamon of Syracuse.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Martin Leamon.



Mrs. Ward

### Kody Brotemarkle

WAWAKA — Kody W. Brotemarkle, 19, of Wawaka, died Thursday evening, Nov. 4, 2010 as the result of an automobile accident. Arrangements are pending at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier.

### Kristopher Miller

SHIPSHEWANA — Kristopher Jon Miller, 19 days, of Shipshewana, died at 9:32 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 4, 2010 at Riley Children's Hospital, Indianapolis. Funeral services will be Sunday at 1:30 p.m. at Elmer Miller residence, 1620 S. 850 W., Shipshewana, conducted by Bishop Elmer Yoder and the home ministers. Burial will be in Yoder Cemetery, Shipshewana. Calling will be all day today.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, is in charge of arrangements.

Services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. at MJS Mortuaries, Dunkirk Chapel, Dunkirk, with Pastor Randy Davis officiating. Graveside services will follow in I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Dunkirk.

Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at M.J.S. Mortuaries Dunkirk Chapel.

### Sonya Wainscott

AUBURN — Sonya Faye Wainscott, 69, of Auburn, died Thursday, Nov. 4, 2010, at her residence.

Mrs. Wainscott was a supervisor at Magnavox in Auburn for 21 years, retiring in 1997.

She was a member of the American Legion Post 97 of Auburn and the Women of the Moose Lodge 261.

She was born April 21, 1941, in Roanoke Rapids, N.C. to the Rev. H. V. and Neva (Lehman) Lawson.

She married Vernon Wainscott on March 2, 1968. He survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are four daughters, Darlene Imbody, Rita Beaty, Kimberly Wiebe, and Charlene Williams; a son, Nicholas Wainscott; three sisters, Jean Faulkner, Rhoda Cole, and Virginia Jones; 16 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a daughter, Kathleen Jamigan, three sisters, Naomi Roark, Nancy Riley and Ellen Sawyers, and two brothers, Marvin Lawson and Denver Lawson.

A celebration of life service will take place from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, 2010, at the American Legion Post 97, 1736 S. Indiana Ave., Auburn.

Memorials may be given at the time of the service or directed to Vernon Wainscott, 110 Navarre Court, Auburn, for area needy families at Christmas time.

Condolences may be left at fellerandclark.com



Mrs. Wainscott



# Greathouse gave of herself to others

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WOLCOTTVILLE — Jean Greathouse knew all about sharing of herself and serving people, since she lived by the motto: "You never really give until you give of yourself."

She spent her life working in social services, even in her final days when cancer ravaged her body she still went to work.

Jean, 73, lost her battle with her terminal illness Oct. 31 when she died surrounded by her family.

Keith Greathouse said no one is perfect, but his late wife, Jean, was pretty close in having a huge heart for others, especially women and children.

She was born March 24, 1937 in Glen Ridge, N.J. and moved to Columbus in 1952. In 1955, she graduated from Columbus High School and Hanover College with a degree in sociology in 1955. She was a proud member of the Phi Mu Sorority.

On Sept. 19, 1959, she married Keith. "I was introduced to Jean in the summer 1957 by a frat brother. She was attending Hanover College and I was attending Franklin College," he said. "I thought, 'This is a lady I could spend the rest of my life with.'"

And Keith was right. After a courtship, he proposed to Jean at a drive-in restaurant. She agreed and the couple enjoyed 51 years together. When the couple was first married, Jean knew little about cooking. Eventually she turned into a gourmet cook and had collected close to 1,000 recipes. Keith said it was her tradition to always make spaghetti for Christmas Eve tradition.

She devoted her life to helping people. For close to 40 years, she was a caseworker, supervisor and consultant for the Family and Social Services Administration. She then worked part-time for Job Works, RISE Inc. in Angola. At the time of her death, she was working for Women, Infants and Children in Angola. "She would discuss sad cases. She would make our two

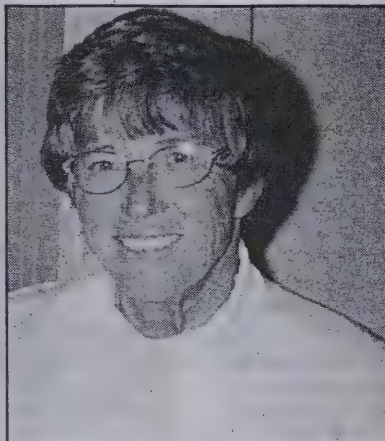


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**Jean Greathouse spent her life helping women and children. She died Oct. 31 from cancer.**

daughters, Kristi and Janie, to (help poor families) and show them they should give. They wanted to give their dolls and toys," Keith said. "Her job was somewhat stressful ... She saw the other side of how the system was abused."

Debbie Lewis, a WIC RN, knew Jean for five years. Debbie's daughter, Rene, 13, had a special relationship that was like a grandmother and grand-daughter. "Rene started growing her hair long to make a wig for Jean, but then realized it (would help more people) to donate to Locks of Love in Jean's name," Debbie said. "She was a caring, warm lady. She donated clothes, bought Halloween treat baskets for my kids."

Carl Zimmerman was a longtime friend of Jean's after meeting her through the welfare-to-work program.

"Her passing leaves a big void for many people. She was very compassionate and had the ability to be assertive when needed ... especially when acting as an advocate for a service provider or client. I think she made some of the big wigs in (Indianapolis) squirm more than once," Zimmerman said. "Jean had the strongest work ethic of anyone I knew ... Sometimes I thought that apparently no one told her she was

sick."

Keith said Jean's breast cancer was diagnosed in 2008. Eventually, it spread to her bones and liver, but she battled back. "She knew (Caroline Nagle, WIC director) would be by herself (last Thursday), so she went as weak (as she was)," he said. "She wore out ... She told me she wasn't scared ... She was very strong emotionally and would never complain or question the Lord's decision. She was a marvelous lady. I will remember her as a kind, caring individual who never had a (negative) comment."

Jean doted over her family and made sure they had tons of Christmas presents. She loved to read fiction, love stories and mysteries; catalogues, shop and add to her collection of 40 or 50 pairs of shoes. She also loved animals adoring golden and Labrador retrievers and belonged to some causes.

She also enjoyed keeping in touch with friends and family by e-mail. Keith said he often joked over the years that if their house caught on fire, Jean would have stopped to check her e-mail before getting out to safety.

Jan was preceded in death by her parents, Arlene and Arthur Kimberley and her twin sister, JoAnn Morris Moody.

Survivors included husband of 51 years, Keith; daughters, Kristi (Steve) Quick of Fishers, Janie (Mark) Fransen of Fort Wayne; also, nieces, Kelley (Donny) Adair, Kim Morris, Candace (Bob) DuBrof; nephews, Jeffrey (Remy) Morris, Alan (Carla) Greathouse and cousin, Alison (Art) Finko. Also surviving are her adopted family members, Kelley, Mike and Jared Ginther and Devin Gilliam.

Services were held Thursday at First Presbyterian Church in Fort Wayne. Funeral services were handled by D. O. McComb and Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, also in Fort Wayne. Burial was in Highland Park Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Turnstone Center or the Susan G. Komen for the cure.



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**November 7, 2010, Sunday**

### **Ovie Mitchell**

KENDALLVILLE —  
Ovie Lee Mitchell, 70, of  
Kendallville, died Friday,  
Nov. 5, 2010 at his  
residence with his family  
surrounding his bedside.

Mr. Mitchell was born in  
War, W. Va.,  
on May 26,  
1940 to the  
late Byrd  
and Mary  
(Rose)  
Mitchell.

He  
married  
Dorothy  
May Manns  
on Aug. 7, 1959 in Albion.

Ovie was a retired  
foundry worker and  
employed in the past with  
Newnam Foundry in  
Kendallville.

He was called to preach  
the Word of God and loved  
traveling around the area  
preaching God's truth. Ovie  
enjoyed his church family  
at the Full Gospel Revival  
Center in Rome City where  
he was a member. He  
enjoyed camping and  
spending time with his  
family, his children and  
grandchildren.

Survivors include his  
wife of 51 years, Dorothy  
Mitchell of Kendallville; a  
son, Jerry Mitchell of  
Garrett, two daughters and  
sons-in-law, Vicki and  
Terry Pence of Albion and  
Rhonda and Brad Beazell  
of Avilla; 12 grandchildren;  
six great-grandchildren;  
and a brother and sister-in-  
law, Stewart and Louvena  
Mitchell of Kendallville.

He was preceded in  
death by an infant daughter,  
Michelle Mitchell, his  
brothers, Howard, Buster,  
Dan, Roy, and Sonny  
Mitchell, and his sisters,  
Madeline Handshoe,  
Isabelle Woody, Helen  
Hicks and Omie Blakely.



**Mr. Mitchell**

Services will be  
Wednesday at noon at  
Rome City Revival Center  
with Pastor Purda Hicks  
and Pastor Ralph "Junior"  
Brewster officiating. Burial  
will be at Sweet Cemetery  
near Albion.

Casketbearers will be  
Adam Mitchell, Zachary  
Mitchell, Larissa Mitchell,  
Casey Pence, Chasity  
Pence, Dakota Pence,  
Shelly Pence, Ashley  
Portmess, Kara Portmess,  
TJ Beazell, Bradley  
Beazell, and Kirby Beazell.

Calling will be Monday  
from 3-8 p.m. at Hite  
Funeral Home, 403 S. Main  
St., Kendallville, and after  
3 p.m. on Tuesday at the  
Rome City Revival Center.

Memorials may be made  
to family.

Send a condolence to the  
family or view a video  
Tribute of Ovie by Monday  
at [hitefuneralhome.com](http://hitefuneralhome.com).

### **Iona 'Pinkie' Louise Parker**

WOLF LAKE — Iona  
"Pinkie" Louise Parker, 89, of  
Wolf Lake, died peacefully on  
Saturday, Nov. 6, 2010 at 4  
a.m. in her daughter's  
residence at Wolf Lake.

Pinkie was born on Jan. 5,  
1921 in Decatur to the late  
Freeman and Dollie (Burrell)  
Schnepp. On April 15, 1944 in  
Decatur she married Dean S.  
Parker. He passed away on  
Nov. 6, 2004.

Pinkie, along with her  
husband Dean, moved to Wolf  
Lake over 66 years ago  
coming from Decatur. Pinkie,  
being a city-raised girl, had to  
learn the ways of the country  
and farm life. She raised  
chickens, sheep and pigs and  
ran the farm while her  
husband, Dean, worked  
second shift. Her hobbies  
included painting, knitting,  
crocheting, she followed  
politics closely and watched  
Bill O'Reilly on Fox News.  
Pinkie was also an avid reader  
and helped in raising her  
grandchildren.

Pinkie is survived by two  
daughters, Deborah (Parker)  
Weber and Pamela (Parker)  
Earnhart, both of Wolf Lake;  
three grandchildren, Debbie  
(Earnhart) Minnick, Kimberly  
(Badorek) Ahlert and Anthony  
Badorek; and five great-  
grandchildren.

Funeral Services will be on  
Tuesday, November 9, 2010 at  
10:00 A.M. at the Brazzell  
Funeral Homes, Albion  
Chapel, with the Rev. Dan  
Carlson of the Wolf Lake  
Baptist Church officiating.  
Burial will follow at the  
Merriam Christian Chapel  
Cemetery.

Calling will be Monday  
from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral  
home.

Memorials may be made to  
a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be left at  
[brazzellfuneralhome.com](http://brazzellfuneralhome.com).

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**November 7, 2010, Sunday**

### **Kody Brotemarkle**

WAWAKA — Kody W. Brotemarkle, 19, of Wawaka, died at 9:49 p.m. on Nov. 4, 2010 in Kendallville as the result of an automobile accident.

He was born March 13, 1991 in Flint, Mich., to Kalyn Fleming and Marcy (Brotemarkle) Piggott.

He moved to the area in 2003, coming from Flint, and had worked at Game Stop in Kendallville since 2008.



**Mr.  
Brotemarkle**

He graduated from West Noble in 2009 and was a member of the National Honor Society, wrestling team, Mathletes Club and Robotics Club. He served others as a math tutor and had won numerous awards for his accomplishments, but yet he always remained humble. Kody loved to have fun, play video games and hockey.

Surviving are his mother, Marcy Piggott of Wawaka; his father, Kalyn Fleming of Union, Mich.; six siblings, Courtney Wilson of Owosso, Mich., Morgan Brotemarkle of Wawaka, Christopher Fleming of Milford, Brett Trevillian of Swartz Creek, Mich., Kylie Fleming of Milford and Zakk Trevillian of Swartz Creek; a niece, Alonna Shack of Owosso; paternal grandparents, Larry Fleming and Theresa Cullinane of Golden Valley, Ariz.; paternal great-grandfather, Pete Fleming of Paragould, Ark.; maternal grandparents, Richard and Pam Brotemarkle of Swartz Creek; maternal great-grandmother, Joan Crane of Flint; two very close uncles, Bruce and Bryan Crane, both of Flint; and two

special stepfathers, Mark Trevillian of Swartz Creek and Pete Piggott of Wawaka. He was preceded in death by an uncle, Matt Brotemarkle.

A memorial service will take place Wednesday at 3 p.m. at Stones Hill Community Church, 151 W. Stones Hill Rd., Ligonier, with Pastor Jim Barnes of Cosperville Baptist Church officiating.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-3 p.m. prior to the memorial service at Stones Hill Community Church.

Memorials are to the family.

The Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier is assisting the family with arrangements. Condolences may be left at yeagerfuneral-home.com.

### **Elita Day**

KENDALLVILLE — Elita M. Day, 53, of Kendallville died Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2010 at her residence.

Services will be Tuesday, November 9, 2010, at 2 p.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 South State Street, Kendallville. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling is one hour prior to services on Tuesday at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the family.

### **Orva Hostetler**

TOPEKA — Orva O. Hostetler, 76, of Topeka, died at 12:28 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 6, 2010 at Parkview LaGrange Hospital.

Funeral services will be at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday November 9 at the at the family's residence, 8490 W. 650 S., Topeka. Burial will be in Hawpatch Cemetery, Topeka.

Calling will be after 1 p.m. today and all day Monday at the family's residence.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, is in charge of arrangements.

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**Robert Stites**

INDIANAPOLIS — Robert E. Stites, 74, Indianapolis, passed away November 6, 2010.

He was born September 17, 1936, in Denver, Colorado. Robert had served in the Navy. He had been an inspector with Ford Motor Company, retiring in 1998 after 42 years of service.

Robert had been active in the Englewood Masonic Lodge F. & A.M. #715, the Murat Shrine, and the Scottish Rite. He had been a former Boy Scouts of America troop leader. Robert enjoyed golf and fishing.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Gary Stites and Katherine and Ralph Neese, his brother Raymond Stites, and his step-sister, Barbara Osborn.

Robert is survived by his wife of 52 years, Donna (Pollard) Stites; his son, Scott Stites (wife, Trishia); his daughter, Linda Stites (fiancé, Joey Smith); his daughter, Amy Newton (husband, Dr. Rob Newton); his grandchildren, Lindsay and Brittany McClain, Skyler and Spencer Stites, and Riley and Grace Newton; his step-sister, Betty Stapp; and numerous nephews and nieces.

Services will be on Tuesday, November 9, at 3 p.m. at Legacy Funeral Center at Memorial Park, 9350 E. Washington Street, Indianapolis, with visitation from 1 p.m. until service

time. Burial will be in Orchard Hill Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

A full tribute to Robert's life may be viewed at [www.legacyfuneralcenters.com](http://www.legacyfuneralcenters.com), where condolences may be shared.

**Theresa Harper**

FORT WAYNE —

Theresa Harper, 56, of Fort Wayne and Kendallville, died Friday, Nov. 5, 2010, at her residence in Fort Wayne.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

**George Schalk Sr.**

ANGOLA — George L. Schalk Sr., 75, of Angola died Saturday, Nov. 6, 2010, in his home.

Services are pending at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

**Wendell Stayner**

ANGOLA — Wendell D. Stayner, 84, of Angola died Sunday, Nov. 7, 2010 in his home.

Services are pending at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

**Mary Kay Tucker**

SPENCERVILLE —

Mary Kay Tucker, 81, died Sunday, Nov. 7, 2010, at Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville.



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### **Margaret Higbee**

FREMONT — Margaret E. Higbee, 93, of Algansee Township, Quincy, Mich., died Sunday, Nov. 7, 2010, at Community Health Center of Branch County in Coldwater, Mich.

Mrs. Higbee enjoyed being a farming wife and a homemaker.

She was valedictorian of the graduating class of 1935 from Fremont High School.

Mrs. Higbee enjoyed her family, gardening, sewing, fishing and going on ice fishing trips to Canada.

She was born Nov. 22, 1919, in Algansee Township, Branch County, Michigan, to George and Pearl (Disbro) McNitt. She married LaVern Higbee on August 21, 1935. He preceded her in death on October 15, 1997.

Surviving are a son, Dennis and Louise Higbee of Quincy, Mich.; five grandchildren, Julie and Rex Robbins of Pleasant Lake, Ind., Barbara and Craig Haller of Markle, Ind., Denny and Leah Higbee of Quincy, Mich., Darin and Angela Higbee of Reading, Mich., and Laurie Goings Higbee of Angola, Ind.; 15 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; two sons, Carl and Larry Higbee; a grandson, Lynn Higbee; and a sister, Marcella Kaufman.

Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2010, at Beams Funeral



**Mrs. Higbee**

Home in Fremont.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 11, 2010, at Beams Funeral Home with Carl Dille officiating.

Burial will be in Lester Cemetery in Algansee Township, Branch County, Mich.

Memorials are to Algansee Friends of the Library, 580 B S. Ray-Quincy Road, Quincy, MI 49082; Branch County District Library, Algansee Township Branch; or to the Branch County 4-H Foundation, care of the Extension Office, North Marshall Road, Coldwater, MI 49036.

Send online condolences to [www.beamsfuneralhome.com](http://www.beamsfuneralhome.com).

### **Mary Tucker**

SPENCERVILLE — Mary C. (Shears) Tucker, 81, died Sunday, Nov. 7, 2010, at Hospice Home in Fort Wayne, Ind.

She was born in Colfax, Indiana, on May 29, 1929, to the late Carrol and Florence (Reed) McHenry. Her first marriage was to Glen E. Shears. Her second marriage was to Joseph C. Tucker. He preceded her in death on May 19, 2006.

Surviving are two sons, Terry (Sue) Shears of Fort Wayne, Ind., and Tommy (Tara) Shears of Sarasota, Fla.; a stepson, Russ (Mindy) Tucker Spencerville, Ind.; a stepdaughter, Toni (Mike)



**Mrs. Tucker**

Dickerhoff Spencerville, Ind.; eight grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Carolyn "Teddy" M. Delagrange of Harlan, Ind.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Jack E. McHenry, on August 20, 2008.

She worked as a beautician in her own shop for years, was the founder of Beginners & Beyond Quilt Group on Yahoo.com, was featured in Angels Among Us on Channel 21 for her passion of making quilts for military soldiers and people going through difficult times and loved spending time with her family and her beloved cats.

Her computer sign off was "Have I Told You Lately That I Love You?"

Calling will be held on Wednesday from 3-5 and 6-8 p.m. at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville, Ind.

Services will be held on Thursday at 11 a.m. with calling one hour prior to the service at St. Joe Church of Christ with Pastor Eddie Clark and Pastor Steve Shaffer officiating.

Burial will be in Leo Memorial Park Cemetery, Leo, Indiana.

Memorials are to the DeKalb Animal Shelter, 5221 U.S.6, Butler, IN 46721.

### **Mabel Schlegel**

GARRETT — Mabel J. Schlegel, 79, of Garrett died Sunday, Nov. 7, 2010, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Arrangements pending at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

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**Linda Geisinger**

AUBURN — Linda L. Geisinger, 61, of Auburn died Monday, November 8, 2010, at her daughter's home in Waterloo surrounded by her family.

She was born March 18, 1949, in Buckley, Mich. Her mother, Jacquelyn J. (Stein) Myers, has passed away. Her father and stepmother, Bill and Kathy Myers, survive in Auburn.

She worked for Auburn Janitorial Services in Auburn for 20 years before retiring in 2000.

She loved to fish, garden and crochet.

She married Larry Michael Geisinger on July 18, 1981, in Corunna and he passed away August 3, 2001.

She is survived by two daughters, Marie (Vince) Miller of Waterloo and Maxine (Chris) Anderson of Brooklyn, Mich.; six siblings, Joe (Pat) Hansen of Buckley, Mich., Ted Hansen of Auburn, Carl (Gloria) Hansen of Auburn, Lauren Hansen of Auburn, Sherry Hansen of Otter Lake, Mich., and Helen Smith of Auburn; and six grandchildren, Christopher Anderson, Arianna Anderson, Shayla Fulk, Ethan Geisinger, Braxton Miller and Austin Miller.

She was preceded in death by her mother; her husband; a son, Michael D. Blonshine; and a stepdaughter, Michelle Geisinger.



**Mrs.  
Geisinger**

There are no calling hours or services.

Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials can be directed to the American Cancer Society.

Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Auburn is handling arrangements.

To view an online obituary or send condolences visit [fellerandclark.com](http://fellerandclark.com).

**Wendell Stayner**

ANGOLA — Wendell D. Stayner, 84, of Angola died Sunday, Nov. 7, 2010, at his home.

Mr. Stayner was a farmer and had driven a school bus for 20 years. He had also been employed by the Steuben County Health Department, Indiana State Highway Department and Ivers-Lee of Shipshewana.

He was a member of Lake Missionary Church in Angola.

He was born June 24, 1926, in Steuben County to William G. and Audra L. (Abbott) Stayner. He married Bonnye J. Smith on April 15, 1978. She survives in Angola.

Also surviving are three sons, Melvin and Kathy Stayner of Angola, Kevin and Dana Stayner of Kendallville, and William Grove of Angola; four daughters, Evelyn and Frank Eves of Wolcottville, Gloria and Duane Hartman of Angola, Kieata Mentser of Angola and Vianna and Terry Elkins of Angola; two sisters; 21 grandchildren; and 33 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Burial will be in Jackson Prairie Cemetery in Steuben County.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations and memorials to Farmers State Bank to help defray final expenses.

Sign a guestbook at [www.weichtfh.com](http://www.weichtfh.com).

**Norman Kolin**

LAGRANGE — Norman Kolin, 85, of LaGrange died Friday, Nov. 5, 2010, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

According to his wishes, cremation has taken place and there will be no services.

Condolences may be left for the family at [www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com](http://www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com).

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

**Edna Gingerich**

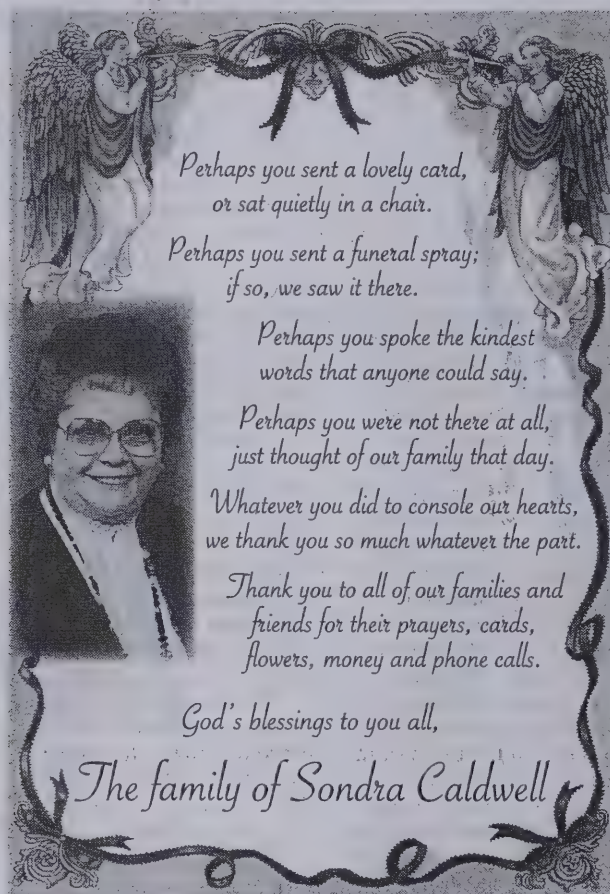
WACO, Texas — Edna Esther Gingerich, 86, of West, Texas, and formerly an area resident, died Saturday, November 6, 2010 in Waco, Texas.

Services are Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at Maple Grove Church, 806 S. Main St., Topeka, with Pastor Harold Gingerich officiating. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery in Topeka.

Visitation is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and one hour prior to the funeral service at Maple Grove Church in Topeka.

Memorial contributions are to Gideons International.

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*Perhaps you sent a lovely card,  
or sat quietly in a chair.  
Perhaps you sent a funeral spray;  
if so, we saw it there.*

*Perhaps you spoke the kindest  
words that anyone could say.*

*Perhaps you were not there at all,  
just thought of our family that day.*

*Whatever you did to console our hearts,  
we thank you so much whatever the part.*

*Thank you to all of our families and  
friends for their prayers, cards,  
flowers, money and phone calls.*

*God's blessings to you all,*

*The family of Sondra Caldwell*



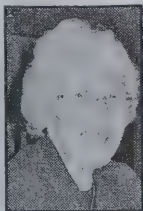
## THE NEWS SUN

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### **Jean Coyne**

LAKE ORION, Mich. — Jean C. Coyne, (Dorothy Jean Carolyn Hanson) who was born in Detroit, Michigan, on July 8, 1918, died on October 26, 2010, due to complications of dementia. At



**Mrs. Coyne**

time of her passing, she had been a resident of the Lake Orion Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Lake Orion, Michigan, for one and one half years.

Prior to that time, she was a resident for three years at Independence Village in Oxford, Michigan. She considered her primary home to be Mackinac Island and frequently extolled the virtues of visiting or living on the Island. Most of her youth was spent between Detroit, Mackinac Island, and Florida.

She graduated from Detroit Cooley High School in 1937. She was proud of her time as a toe dancer, including dancing onstage at the Detroit Fox Theatre.

While working in her family's Davis Store on the island, she was discovered and courted by Kenneth M. Coyne (of Orange County, Indiana) and subsequently they were married in 1937. Ken and Jean spent their married life together in Union City, in and around Fort Wayne and northeast Indiana, on Mackinac Island and in Southfield, Michigan.

After Ken Coyne's passing in 1984, Jean moved to a 10 acre farm in Garrett, Indiana, where she continued her avocation of raising and showing dogs and miniature horses. For many years she owned Val-Jean Kennels, successfully

breeding and showing many champion poodles and miniature dachshunds. She had also raised boxers and cocker spaniels in her earlier years. In her later years she focused her attention on miniature horses and also bred and developed many champions. She belonged to the Auburn Bar-None Saddle Club, Northeast Indiana Kennel Club, several dachshund clubs, and the American Shetland Pony and Miniature Horse Clubs.

Jean had a lifelong interest in protecting and helping animals, and was a frequent supporter of many organizations and causes including the Humane Society, wildlife foundations, nature foundations, and others. Throughout her life she was known as a kind and gentle person that cared for other people as well as animals. Even in her final years at the assisted living and nursing homes, she sympathized with the plight of others and tried to help and befriend them despite her own health issues.

She is survived by her son, Robert Coyne (and wife Neva) of Peru, Indiana; her daughter, Deanna (Mrs. Barry) Moser of Oxford, Michigan; nine grandchildren and their families in Michigan, Indiana, Georgia

and Texas; and 17 great-grandchildren.

She was a member of Oxford (Michigan) United Methodist Church, the Little Stone Church of Mackinac Island, and a longtime member of Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren in Garrett, Indiana.

No funeral or viewing was held; however she was cremated by Lynch & Sons, Bossardet Chapel in Oxford, Michigan, on October 28 following a brief service conducted by Pastor Doug McMunn. Family and friends are invited to share in a "Celebration of Jean Coyne's Life" memorial service to be held on Saturday, November 20, at 2 p.m. at the Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren, 5952 C.R. 7, Garrett, Ind., under the ministry of Pastor Brad Hardesty.

Her final interment will be alongside Ken in the spring of 2011 in her family plot at the Protestant Cemetery on Mackinac Island.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorial contributions can be made to the Humane Society or to other organizations which reflect her lifelong interest in animal care.

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### George Schalk Sr.

ANGOLA — George L. Schalk Sr., 75, of Angola died Saturday, Nov. 6, 2010, at his home.

Mr. Schalk had been a salesman for Ethel Corp., Bonnell Aluminum, Intercraft Industries and General Telephone.



**Mr. Schalk**

He had served as administrator for the Moose Lodges in Lafayette, Ind., Angola, Ind., and Clearwater, Fla. He was a life member of the Angola Moose Lodge where he had served as Past Governor and was the lodge's only Pilgrim.

He was a Past Deputy Supreme Governor of Mooseheart, Past District President of the Indiana Moose Lodge, former member of the Angola Fire Department, life member of George Anspaugh VFW Post, life member of Angola American Legion Post 31, and a past member of the Angola Elks Lodge.

Mr. Schalk was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War.

He was born June 19, 1935, in Fort Wayne to Louis August and Clara Effie (Pardue) Schalk. He married Laura "Ny" Dunham on April 5, 1958. She survives in Angola.

Also surviving are a son, George Schalk Jr. of New York City, New York; a daughter, Barbara Ann and Steve Cleverly of Angola; one grandchild; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola with members of the Angola

Moose Lodge officiating. Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery in Steuben County.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Friday prior to the service at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cameron Hospice & Home Health or the Angola Moose Lodge.

Sign a guest book at [www.weichtfh.com](http://www.weichtfh.com).

### Edna Gingerich

LIGONIER — Edna Esther Gingerich, age 86, of West, Texas, and formerly an area resident, passed away on November 6, 2010, in Waco, Texas, at 4:56 p.m. due to natural causes.



**Mrs. Gingerich**

Edna was born on March 22, 1924, to Dan C. and Ida Miller in Hutchinson, Kan. On September 16, 1944, she married Joseph Gingerich and together they shared 66 years of marriage.

Edna was a resident of Yoder, Kan., until the age of 16. She then moved to Indiana where she was a resident of Cromwell and Goshen until later moving to Waco, Texas.

Mrs. Gingerich was a dedicated homemaker and a member of the Maple Grove Mennonite Church in Topeka, Ind., for 47 years, Zion Chapel in Goshen,

Ind., for 15 years, and after moving to Texas, attended Grace Gospel Church in Axtell for a few years, and recently attended Open Door of Waco, Texas.

Survivors include her husband, Joseph Gingerich of West, Texas; two sisters, Anna Mae Hooley and Dora Troyer; four sons, Ronald and Ginny Gingerich of St. Louis, James and Eileen Gingerich of Lake Wawasee, Roger and Eleanor Gingerich of Steinbeck Manitoba, Canada, and Joe and Maria Gingerich of West, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Jake Miller and Calvin Miller.

There will be a funeral service held in her honor on Saturday, November 13, 2010, at 10:30 a.m. at Maple Grove Church- 806 S. Main St., Topeka, Ind., with Pastor Harold Gingerich officiating.

Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery in Topeka, Ind.

A visitation will be held on Friday, November 12, 2010, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and one hour prior to the funeral service at Maple Grove Church in Topeka, Ind.

Memorial contributions are to Gideons International, P.O. Box 140800, Nashville, IN 37214.

The Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier is assisting the family with arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.yeagerfuneralhome.com](http://www.yeagerfuneralhome.com).

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## **Ruth Edington**

SALINE, Mich. — Ruth Imogene (Williams) Edington, formerly of Angola, passed away on November 7, 2010. She had resided at the Evangelical Home in Saline, Mich., for the past three years.



**Mrs. Edington**

She was born in Alpena, Mich., in 1916, to William Wright Williams and Maude (Baror) Williams.

After graduating from Flint Northern High School, she attended Flint Business College. She married Everett Edington in 1936 and he preceded her in death in 1995.

Also preceding her in death was a daughter, Sandra Sue Storm in 1972.

Surviving is her son, Dee Wayne (Marilyn) Edington of Ann Arbor, Mich.; a grandson, David Glen (Stacie) Edington of Highland, Mich.; and a granddaughter, Sharin Sue Whitfield (Charles) of Greeneville, Tenn.

Mrs. Edington, who moved to Indiana after her first several years of marriage, worked in city and county positions for the majority of her career. She was administrative assistant to the Mayor of Huntington, Ind., city court clerk, and later served in the Fort Wayne Police Department for many years.

Her civic affairs over the years included PTA Council City and County Girl Scout Council, Chief Warden of Huntington County Civil Defense, and a Red Cross volunteer recognized for service of more than 50 years.

She was an active member of the Business and Professional Women (BPW) since 1950, serving in many offices on local, district, and state levels. Ruth was also "Woman of the Year" for four BPW groups.

While in Angola, she was president of the Steuben County Women's Club, the local AARP and the Steuben County Council of Aging Senior Citizens. She was the 1992 recipient of the Tri-State Sertoma Club's "Service to Mankind" award. Ruth was acknowledged as a "truly dedicated individual who gave tirelessly of her time and effort to benefit her community."

The Herald Republican newspaper in Angola, Ind., honored her with the 1994 "Women of the Year" award.

Her generosity and compassion were truly embodied in the choices she made in serving others throughout her full life.

Services will be Thursday, November 11, 2010, at noon at the Holy Family Episcopal Church at 909 S. Darling St., Angola, with Father Michael T. Fulk officiating.

Visitation will be one hour before services.

Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to Holy Family Episcopal Church in Angola, or Arbor Hospice of Ann Arbor, MI.

H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home of Angola is handling the arrangements.

To view this obituary online or to leave condolences go to:  
[www.hejohnsonfh.com](http://www.hejohnsonfh.com).

## **Rosemary Cook-Culbertson**

OKEECHOBEE, Fla. — Rosemarie Cook-Culbertson, 83, of Okeechobee, Fla., and formerly of Auburn, died Tuesday, Nov. 9, 2010, at her residence.

Arrangements are pending at Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Auburn.

A full obituary will appear in the Thursday edition.

## **Dorothy Yoder**

WATERLOO — Dorothy Ann Yoder, 78, died Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2010.

Services are pending at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.



**ALBION NEW ERA**  
Albion, IN  
November 10, 2010, Wednesday

## **Kody W. Brotemarkle, 19**

Kody W. Brotemarkle, 19, of Wawaka, died at 9:49 p.m. on Nov. 4, 2010 in Kendallville as the result of an automobile accident.

He was born March 13, 1991 in Flint, Mich., to Kalyen Fleming and Marcy (Brotemarkle) Piggott.

He moved to the area in 2003, coming from Flint, and had worked at Game Stop in Kendallville since 2008. He graduated from West Noble in 2009 and was a member of the National Honor Society, wrestling team, Mathletes Club and Robotics Club. He served others as a math tutor and had won numerous awards for his accomplishments, yet he always remained humble. Kody loved to have fun, play video games and hockey.

Surviving are his mother, Marcy Piggott of Wawaka; his father, Kalyen Fleming of Union, Mich.; six siblings, Courtney Wilson of Owosso, Mich., Morgan Brotemarkle of Wawaka, Christopher Fleming of Milford, Brett Trevillian of Swartz Creek, Mich., Kylie Fleming of Milford and Zakk Trevillian of Swartz Creek; a niece, Alonna Shack of Owosso; paternal grandparents, Larry Fleming and Theresa Cullinane of Golden Valley, Ariz.; paternal great-grandfather, Pete Fleming of Paragould, Ark.; maternal grandparents, Richard and Pam Brotemarkle of Swartz Creek; maternal great-grandmother, Joan Crane of Flint; two very close uncles, Bruce and Bryan Crane, both of Flint; and two special stepfathers, Mark Trevillian of Swartz Creek and Pete Piggott of Wawaka.

He was preceded in death by an uncle, Matt Brotemarkle.

A memorial service will take place Wednesday at 3 p.m. at Stones Hill Community Church, 151 W. Stones Hill Rd., Ligonier, with Pastor Jim Barnes of Cosperville Baptist Church officiating. Calling will be Wednesday from 2-3 p.m. prior to the memorial service at Stones Hill Community Church.

Memorials are to the family. Condolences may be left at [yeagerfuneralhome.com](http://yeagerfuneralhome.com).



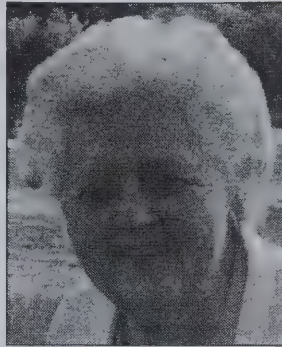
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**Edna Esther Gingerich, 86**

Edna Esther Gingerich, age 86, of West, TX, formerly an area resident, passed away on November 6, 2010 in Waco, TX at 4:56 p.m. due to natural causes. Edna was born on March 22, 1924 to Dan C. and Ida Miller in Hutchinson, KS. On September 16, 1944 she married Joseph Gingerich and together they shared 66 years of marriage.



Edna was a resident of Yoder, KS until the age of 16. She then moved to Indiana where she was a resident of Cromwell and Goshen until later moving to Waco, TX.

Mrs. Gingerich was a dedicated homemaker and a member of the Maple Grove Mennonite Church in Topeka, IN for 47 years, Zion Chapel in Goshen, IN for 15 years, and after moving to Texas, attended Grace Gospel Church in Axtell for a few years, and recently attended Open Door of Waco, TX.

Survivors include her husband, Joseph Gingerich of West, TX; two sisters, Anna Mae Hooley and Dora Troyer; four sons, Ronald Gingerich of St. Louis, James & Eileen Gingerich of Lake Wawasee, Roger & Eleanor Gingerich of Steinbeck Manitoba, Canada, and Joe & Maria Gingerich of West Tx.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Jake Miller and Calvin Miller.

There will be a funeral service held in her honor on Saturday, November 13, 2010 at 10:30 AM at Maple Grove Church- 806 S. Main St., Topeka, IN with Pastor Harold Gingerich officiating. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery in Topeka, IN.

A visitation will be held on Friday, November 12, 2010 from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and one hour prior to the funeral service at Maple Grove Church in Topeka, IN.

Memorial contributions are to Gideons International- P.O. Box 140800, Nashville, IN 37214.

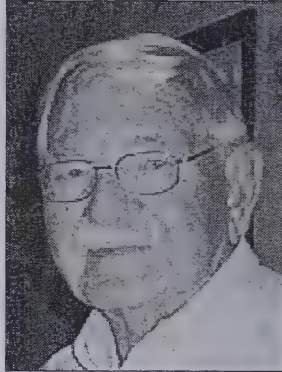
The Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.yeagerfuneralhome.com](http://www.yeagerfuneralhome.com).

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**Donald Gillespie, 84**

Donald "Whitey" Gillespie, 84, of Ligonier, IN passed away on Wednesday morning, November 3, 2010 at his residence.

Mr. Gillespie was born on March 23, 1926 to Russell and Helen (Ponko) Baker in Noble County, IN. He married Rosemary Prucinsky on August 6, 1949, she survives.



Whitey was a lifetime area resident. He worked for Wirk Garment Factory after returning from the service. He then went to work for Superior Sample in Ligonier where he worked over 40 years as the Maintenance Superintendent until his retirement. He retired as Fire Chief from the Ligonier Fire Department in 1993 after over 40 years of service, 27 of which were served as Chief.

Mr. Gillespie graduated from Cromwell High School and served his country in the United States Marines from 1943-1947. He was a life member of the NRA, American Legion Post 243 in Ligonier, Ligonier VFW, Ligonier Elks, and a past member of the Indiana Volunteer Fireman Association.

Survivors include his wife, Rosemary Gillespie of Ligonier; three sons, Stephen Gillespie of Houston, TX, Michael (Melissa) Gillespie of Whiteland, IN, Christopher (Penny) Gillespie of Ligonier, IN; ten grandchildren, Daniel Gillespie, Benjamin Scott, Kevin Sheley, Adam (Mackenzi) Gillespie, Tyler Gillespie, Rachel Gillespie, Scott Gillespie, Kaitlyn Pergrem, Alley Pergrem, and Alex Gillespie; seven great-grandchildren; two sisters, Dorothy McFarren of Ligonier and Denise (Lowell) Galloway of Kendallville, IN. He was preceded in death by two children, Tina Smith in 1979 and Robin Pergrem in 1993, his parents, and one infant grandchild, Eric Michael Gillespie.

Funeral services were held Saturday, November 6, 2010 at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier with Pastor Jean Ness officiating. Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier with military graveside honors.

Memorial contributions are to The American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK 73123 or The Noble County Humane Shelter, P.O. Box 471, Kendallville, IN 46755.



## **Ovie Lee Mitchell, 70**

Ovie Lee Mitchell, age 70, of Kendallville, died on Friday, November 5, 2010 at his residence with his family surrounding his bedside.

Mr. Mitchell was born in War, West Virginia on May 26, 1940 to the late Byrd and Mary Mitchell.

He married Dorothy May Manns on August 7, 1959 in Albion, Indiana.

Ovie was a retired foundry worker and employed in the past with Newnan Foundry in Kendallville.

He was called to preach the Word of God and loved traveling around the area preaching God's truth.

Ovie enjoyed his church family at the Full Gospel Revival Center in Rome City where he was a member.

He enjoyed camping and spending time with family, his children and grandchildren.

Survivors include:

His wife of 51 years, Dorothy Mitchell of Kendallville, son; Jerry Mitchell of Garrett, daughters; Vicki and Terry Pence of Albion, Rhonda and Brad Beazell of Avilla, 12 grandchildren and six great grandchildren, brother; Stewart and Louvena Mitchell of Kendallville.

He was also preceded in death by his brothers; Howard, Buster, Dan, Roy, and Sonny Mitchell and his sisters; Madeline Handshoe, Isabelle Woody, Helen Hicks, Omie Blakely,

Funeral services were Wednesday, November 10, 2010 at Rome City Revival Center.

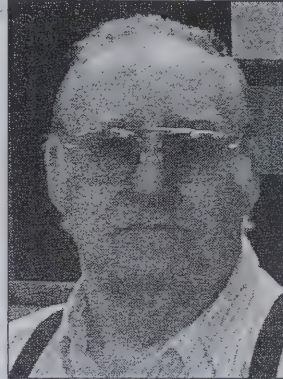
Officiating the funeral service was Pastor Purda Hicks and Pastor Ralph "Junior" Brewster.

Burial was at Sweet Cemetery near Albion.

Preferred Memorials may be made to family.

Casketbearers were Adam Mitchell, Zachary Mitchell, Larissa Mitchell, Casey Pence, Chasity Pence, Dakota Pence, Shelly Pence, Ashley Portmess, Kara Portmess, TJ Beazell, Bradley Beazell, and Kirby Beazell.

Send a condolence to the family at [www.hitefuneralhome.com](http://www.hitefuneralhome.com) or find us on Facebook.com.



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**Iona Louise Parker, 89**

Iona "Pinkie" Louise Parker, 89, of Wolf Lake, died peacefully on Saturday, November 6, 2010 at 4:00 A.M. in her daughter's residence in Wolf Lake.

Pinkie was born on January 5, 1921 in Decatur, Indiana to the late Freeman and Dollie (Burrell) Schnepf. On April 15, 1944 in Decatur she married Dean S. Parker, he passed away on November 6, 2004.

Pinkie, along with her husband Dean, moved to Wolf Lake over 66 years ago coming from Decatur. Pinkie was a city-raised girl and had to learn the ways of the country and farm life. She raised chickens, sheep and pigs and ran the farm while her husband Dean worked second shift. Her hobbies included painting, knitting, crocheting, she followed politics closely and watched Bill O'Reilly on Fox News. Pinkie was also an avid reader and helped in raising her grandchildren.

Pinkie is survived by two daughters; Deborah (Parker) Weber and Pamela (Parker) Earnhart both of Wolf Lake, three grandchildren; Debbie (Earnhart) Minnick, Kimberly (Badorek) Ahlert and Anthony Badorek. Five great-grandchildren also survive her.

Funeral services were on Tuesday, November 9, 2010 at the Brazzell Funeral Homes, Albion Chapel.

The Rev. Dan Carlson of the Wolf Lake Baptist Church officiated the service.

Burial followed at the Merriam Christian Chapel Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, preferred memorials may be directed to the donor's choice.

To view the obituary online or to sign the online guest register book, go to [www.brazzellfuneralhome.com](http://www.brazzellfuneralhome.com).

**Kerry T. Radcliffe, 68**

Kerry T. Radcliffe, 68, Fort Wayne, formerly of Albion, died November 3, 2010.

Surviving are his mother, Mary Lois Radcliffe, formally from Albion; brother and sister-in-law, Kent and Gloria Radcliffe, Florida; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Elizabeth and Ronald Sorge, Fort Wayne, and Kathleen and Geoff Wright, California.

He was preceded in death by his father, Thurman G. Radcliffe.

His final resting place will be in Wolf Lake Cemetery.

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**Frank Herzog**

FORT WAYNE — Frank Joseph Herzog, age 93, died on Tuesday, November 9, 2010, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born on July 15, 1917, in Anderson, Indiana, and was the son of Frank and Anna (Mayer) Herzog.

He and his family lived at Big Long Lake for 70 years and for the past six years has lived at St. Anne's Nursing Home in Fort Wayne.

In October of 1966 he married Lucille Rebecca Yates. She survives in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Herzog was a brewer for 45 years at Berghoff & Falstaff Brewery.

He served his country in the United States Navy during WWII, and was a 61-year member of the American Legion Post in Orland, Indiana.

He was also a member of St. Mary's of the Angels Catholic Church in Big Long Lake.

He enjoyed gardening and collected stamps and coins.

Surviving are his wife of 44 years, Lucille Herzog; two sons and daughters-in-law, James Milan (Patricia) Herzog of Lancaster, Ohio, and Frank Robert (Margaret) Herzog of Huntington, Indiana; 10 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and a nephew, Gene Kohn.

He is preceded in death by his parents; a stepson, William Daniel Miller on December 24, 2005; and a sister, Frieda Kohn.

Mass of Christian Burial will be on Friday, November 12, 2010, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Anne's Nursing Home Chapel in Fort Wayne.

Calling is one hour prior to the Mass at the nursing home.

**David Christner**

WOLCOTTVILLE — David L. Christner, 89, of Wolcottville transferred to Heaven Wednesday, November 10, 2010, from his home on Messick Lake.

He was born March 28, 1921, in Topeka to Levi D. and Goldie O'Neil (Eash) Christner. On March 19, 1946, in Old Fort, Ohio, he married Lois Heilman.

He had lived in the Wolcottville area for the past 52 years. He retired from Duo-Therm in LaGrange where he did general repair and maintenance.

He was a member of the Shipshewana Church of the Nazarene. He was named LaGrange County Citizen of the Year in 1997 for conducting worship services for 25 years at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

He was a member of the Gideon's, and enjoyed fishing and woodworking. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

David is survived by his wife of 64 years, Lois; two sons, Michael E. Christner, Kalamazoo, Michigan, and D. John Christner and wife, Trudy of Noblesville; five grandchildren, Candy, Mindy, Michelle, Chad, and Jaime; and nine great-grandchildren; brother, Sam Christner; and sister, Sue Christner.

He was preceded in death by his parents; an infant daughter, Betty Lee Christner; sisters, Lizzie Miller, Mary Fereva, Edith Lyon and Emma Hostetler; and brothers, Menno Christner, Christian Christner, Amos Christner, Levi Christner, Arthur Christner and John Christner.

Funeral services will be Saturday, November 13, 2010, at 10 a.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, S.R. 9 North, Wolcottville, with Pastor Andy Dayton of the Shipshewana Church of the Nazarene officiating. Burial will be in Shore Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Calling will be Friday, November 12, 2010, from 4

to 8 p.m. in the funeral home and one hour prior to the service on Saturday.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com).

Graveside service will be held at 1:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla. The Avilla American Legion Post 240 will conduct military rites.

Memorials may be made to St. Anne's Nursing Home, Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.



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**Dennis  
Zimmerman Sr.**

ANGOLA — Dennis W. Zimmerman Sr., 65, of Angola died Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2010, at Cameron Memorial Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Zimmerman worked at ARO Corp. in Angola.

He was a U.S Army veteran.

Mr. Zimmerman was member of Precious Memories Baptist Church in Brimfield.

He was born March 15, 1945, in Angola to Harry J. and Vera J. (Cope) Zimmerman. He married

Wyona Emerick on Feb. 29, 1964. She survives in Angola.

Also surviving are two sons, Bill and Tracey Ann Zimmerman of Hudson and Dennis Jr. and Linda Zimmerman of Angola; a daughter, Teresa Loffer of Angola; a sister, Paula Estep of Hamilton; 11 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two daughters, Robin Green and Wanda Zimmerman; three brothers, Harry Zimmerman, Raymond Zimmerman and Robert Zimmerman; and three sisters, Donna Zimmerman, Darlene Kay Weller and Sandra Kunce.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at South Milford Independent Baptist Church, S.R. 3 North, South Milford, with Pastor Oley Smith officiating. Burial will be in Mt Pisgah Cemetery in LaGrange County.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. Friday at the church.

Memorials are to the family in care of Wyona Zimmerman.

Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

Sign a guest book at [www.weichtfh.com](http://www.weichtfh.com).

**Karen Armey**

ANGOLA — Karen A. Armey, 63, of Angola died Tuesday, Nov. 9, 2010, in Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Armey was a bookkeeper for the George Anspaugh Veterans of Foreign Wars Post in Angola.

She was a member of the George Anspaugh Veterans of Foreign Wars Post Auxiliary, American Legion Post 31 Auxiliary, Angola Women of the Moose and Angola Elks Lodge.

She was born Jan. 13, 1947, in North Tonawanda, N.Y., to Steven Plewak and Margaret (Lien) Canessa. She married Tony Armey on Feb. 29, 1992. He survives in Angola.

Also surviving are a daughter, Stacy Gibson of Sheridan, Ind.; a stepdaughter, Lisa Jordan of Angola; a sister, Linda Messersmith of Niles, Mich.; and six grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father, Steven Plewak; her mother and stepfather, Margaret and Stephen Canessa; and a son, Steven Mitchell.

Services will be at 4 p.m. Saturday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola. Burial will be in Flint Cemetery in Steuben County.

Visitation will be from 2-4 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Sign a guest book at [www.weichtfh.com](http://www.weichtfh.com).

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## **Dorothy Yoder**

**WATERLOO** — Dorothy Ann Yoder, 78, of Waterloo died Tuesday, Nov. 9, 2010.

She was born in DeKalb County on March 29, 1932, to John D. and E. Marie (Lancaster) Shipe.

She was a graduate of Ashley High School and retired in 2008 from the Indiana Department of Child Services' DeKalb County office.



**Mrs. Yoder**

Mrs. Yoder has also served as a secretary for the superintendent at Prairie Heights.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Tara Yoder of Albion; two daughters, Ada Marie Yoder of Angola and Marla S. Yoder Branstetter of Fort Wayne; a brother and sister-in-law, John E. and Shirley Shipe of Auburn; five grandchildren, Jeffrey Yoder, Rachael Alana Shrock, Abigail Marisa Cook, Tia Rhiannon Tackett and Noah Smith; seven great-grandchildren, Desiree Marie Carnahan, Sarah Mae Klingerman, Zane Alaa Alabudi, Sebastian Beau Alabudi, Destiny Smith, Noah Tackett and Nicholas Cook; and two great-great-grandchildren, Hanna Elizabeth Carnahan and Colten Carnahan.

Mrs. Yoder was preceded in death by a brother, Jerry L. Shipe; a grandson, Dustin Mathew Smith; and a great-granddaughter, Chelsea Mae Robbins.

## **Rosemarie Cook-Culbertson**

**OKEECHOBEE, Fla.** —

Rosemarie Cook-Culbertson, 83, of Okeechobee, Florida, and formerly of Auburn, died Tuesday, November 9, 2010, at her residence.

She worked as an operator for Indiana Bell in Auburn, Magnavox in Fort Wayne, and Cooper-Standard in Auburn, retiring in 1995.

She was a former member of Meese Chapel United Methodist Church in rural Auburn.

She was a member of the Women of the Moose Lodge 261 of Auburn, and the Fraternal Order of Eagles in Okeechobee.

She was born on October 16, 1927, in Auburn, to Elza E. and Ida Mae (Hess) Shull. They both preceded her in death.

She married Glen Culbertson on October 13, 1996, in the Concord Methodist Church. He passed away on December 11, 2006.

Surviving are two daughters, Sara Cook of Auburn, and Judy Cook of Columbus, Ohio; two sons and daughters-in-law, Mark and Kathleen Cook of Auburn, and John and Kathleen Cook of Indianapolis; three grandchildren and a spouse, Michael Light, Randy and Kelly Cook, and Lauren Cook; two great-grandchildren, Melissa Cook, and Marian Cook; three stepgrandchildren; three stepgreat-grandchildren; two sisters-in-law, Dolores Shull of Auburn, and Dortha Irvon of Albion; and her caregiver, Rodney Fetrow of Okeechobee.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Dean Allen Cook; a stepdaughter, Marcia Heller; two grandchildren, Angela Nicole Cook, and Carrie Louise Cook; a sister, Helen Joanne Cassleman, and a brother, Roger Shull.

A memorial service will take place later this month. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to a charity of the donor's choice.

Feller and Clark Funeral Home in Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit [www.fellerandclark.com](http://www.fellerandclark.com).

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with calling from 4-7 p.m. on Friday. Pastor Greg Hiatt will officiate.

Burial will be in Circle Cemetery.

Send online condolences to [www.dalejohnsonfh.com](http://www.dalejohnsonfh.com).

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**Martin Manahan**

KENDALLVILLE — Martin C. "Marty" Manahan, 50, of Kendallville died unexpectedly Thursday, November 11, 2010, in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Funeral services will be Sunday, November 14, 2010, at 2 p.m. in Crosspointe Family Church, 205 Highpointe Crossing, Kendallville. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling is Saturday, November 13, 2010, from 2-8 p.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 South State Street, Kendallville.

A full obituary will appear in Saturday's edition.

**Shirley Lyson**

BELLEVILLE, Mich. — Shirley Lyson, 66, of Belleville died Monday, Nov. 1, 2010, at her home, surrounded by her family.



**Mrs. Lyson**

Mrs. Lyson had been a teacher's aide for more than 15 years, beginning at Savage Elementary School with special needs children and retiring from Elwell Elementary School serving the kindergarten program.

She was born Aug. 4, 1944, in Pippa Passes, Ky., to Ishmael and Lillian

(Slone) Sparkman.

Surviving are her husband of 40 years, Frank Lyson Jr.; five children and their spouses, Tom (Karen) Scott of Whitley City, Ky., Ken (Janna) Scott of Canton, Mich., Mike (Lesah) Scott of Dexter, Mich., Danny (Shelley) Scott of Chelsea, Mich., and Kristal (Sean) Stewart of Napoleon, Mich.; 13 grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; her mother-in-law, Helen Lyson of Belleville; three brothers and five sisters, Anna (Dennis) McHenney of Kendallville, Ind., Judy (James) Smith of Avilla, Ind., Jerry (Kim) Sparkman of Belleville, Mich., Patty (Dan) Rusmisl of Kendallville, Ind., Debra (Bill) Hursey of Kendallville, Ind., Ron (Leesa) Sparkman of LaOtto, Ind., Ishmael (Nancy) Sparkman of Hedgesville, W.Va., and Sandy (Roger) Wilson of Waterloo, Ind.; also numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her father-in-law, and a brother, Don Sparkman.

Visitation was held Nov. 3 at David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville.

Funeral services were held Nov. 4 at the funeral home. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery, Belleville.

Memorial contributions are to the American Cancer Society or St. Joseph Mercy Hospice.



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**Curtis Davis**

AUBURN — Curtis E. Davis, 55, died Thursday, Nov. 11, 2010, at Wesley Health Center in Auburn.

Mr. Davis retired from the Auburn Foundry in 1996 after 27 years of service.

He was born on December 4, 1955 in Auburn to Everett and Esther (Rhodes) Davis.

Surviving are his mother, Esther Davis of Auburn; a daughter, Pearl Coleman of Butler; a son, Brian McKean of Garrett; four brothers, David Davis of Butler, Dennis Davis of Bryan Ohio, Jeffrey Davis of Auburn and Warren Bard of Jackson, Mich.; two sisters, Helen Hasch of Butler and Clara Musser of Auburn; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, Everett Davis, and a brother, Frances Bard.

Funeral services will at 3 p.m. today at H. E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler, with the Rev. Raymond Warner officiating. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Visitation will be from noon to 3 p.m. today prior to the service.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent to [www.hejohnsonfh.com](http://www.hejohnsonfh.com).

**Ruth Knapp**

AUBURN — Ruth Irene Knapp, 89, of Auburn died Thursday, Nov. 11, 2010, at Laurels of DeKalb in Butler.

Mrs. Knapp was a homemaker and also as a clerk at Newberry's Dime Store in Auburn for 17 years.

She was born Feb. 16, 1921, in Farmer, Ohio, to William O. and Amy (Ross) Smith. She married Dale Knapp on Jan. 26, 1945, in Texas and he survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are a son, Dennis L. Knapp of Battle Creek, Mich.; a daughter, Cheryl A. Carnahan of Auburn; a sister, Betty Ellert of Auburn; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and four brothers, Earl, Jay, Ivan and Omer Smith.

Graveside services will be at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Farmer Cemetery, Farmer, Ohio, with Dallas Savage officiating.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association or Auburn Kiwanis Club for Riley's Children's Hospital.

Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

To view an online obituary or send condolences visit [fellerandclark.com](http://fellerandclark.com).

**Ella Chupp**

MIDDLEBURY — Ella S. Chupp, 88, of Middlebury died Thursday, Nov. 11, 2010, at her residence.

Visitation will be all day today at the family's residence.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Sunday at the Ernie Lehman residence, C.R. 33, Middlebury. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery, Goshen.

Miller-Stewart Funeral home, Middlebury, is in charge of arrangements.

**Mabel Schlegel**

GARRETT — Mabel J. Schlegel, 79, of Garrett died Sunday, Nov. 7, 2010, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

No services are planned.

Arrangements are by Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

**Leontine Godfrey**

ALBION — Leontine "Red" Godfrey, 82, died Friday, Nov. 12, 2010, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Memorial calling will be from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

A complete obituary will be in Monday's edition.

**Ruth Obendorf**

BUTLER — Ruth Obendorf, 83, died Friday at the Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home. Arrangements are pending at H. E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler.

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**Katherine Johnson**

MIDDLEBURY —

Katherine Johnson, 90, of Middlebury died Thursday, Nov. 11, 2010, at Greencroft Retirement Community in Goshen.

Visitation will be from 1-3 p.m. Monday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, 1003, S. Main St., Middlebury.

A brief service will follow visitation. Internment will be in Bonneyville Cemetery in Bristol at a later date.

**Graydon Rodman**

DECATUR — Graydon

E. Rodman, 54, died Thursday, November 11, 2010, at Adams Memorial Hospital in Decatur.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Wesley United Methodist Church in Van Wert, Ohio. Burial is at Woodland Cemetery in Van Wert.

Calling is Sunday 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Alspach-Gearhart Funeral Home and Crematory, 722 S. Washington St., Van Wert, and one hour before the service at the church.

Memorials are to Lake James Christian Assembly in Angola.

**D.O. Wasson**

BUTLER — D. O.

Wasson, 91, died Thursday, Nov. 11, 2010, at the Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home.

Mr. Wasson retired from Ball Brass after 27 years of employment.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

Mr. Wasson was a member of the Butler American Legion Post 202 and the Disabled American Veterans.

He was a graduate of Butler High School.

He was born Aug. 14, 1919, in rural DeKalb County to Wallace and Eva G. (Steele) Wasson. He married Arlene M. Eairleywine on Feb. 18, 1950, in Elkhart. She preceded in death on Dec. 20, 2005.

Surviving are two sons, Michael and Deb Wasson of Butler and Deo Wasson of Butler; a daughter, Sandra Meyer of New Port Richey, Fla.; nine grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Jo Ann Carlisle; four brothers, Richard Wasson, Louis Wasson, Kenneth Wasson and Russell Wasson; and four sisters, Pauline Green, Harriett Oberlin, Dortha Baron and Frances Wasson. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at the H. E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler, with Pastor Paul Patton officiating. Burial with military honors will be in Riverview Cemetery, Newville.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday prior to the service.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to [www.hejohnsonfh.com](http://www.hejohnsonfh.com).

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### Martin Endsley

AUBURN — Martin Endsley Jr., 77, of Auburn, died Thursday, Nov. 11, 2010, after a short stay at Lutheran Life Villages, Kendallville, surrounded by loved ones. He had Alzheimer's Disease.

Prior to Lutheran Life Villages, he lived with his daughter, Susan, and her daughter and son.

He was born May 20, 1933, to Cecil Martin Endsley Sr. and Wonedra Crystal (Knox) Endsley, all from Marion. His parents and his step-mother, Juanita Endsley, all passed away prior to Martin.

He was an only child but made up for that by having eight children with his then wife of 25 years, Dixie Darlene (Spitler) Adkins. She survives with her husband and wonderful stepfather of her children, Bruce Spitler, in Hudson.

Also surviving are children Randy and Colleen Endsley of New Berlin, Wis., Diana and Jeff Emenhiser of Garrett, Sherry Endsley and her partner, Charley, of Hastings, Susan Endsley of Auburn, Daniel Endsley of Auburn, Rick and Mellissa Endsley of Cape Coral, Fla., Laura Endsley of Boston, Mass., and Larry and Laura Solars of Lawrenceberg, Ga.; 21 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren.

He had a first cousin, Shirley Conrad, who was like a sister and who is loved by Martin's family, and she survives in Marion with her children.

"Dad was an amazing person with a lot of strength and courage and a 'go get 'em' attitude. His favorite words were love and dignity."

He served in the Korean Conflict for two years and joined up with the National Guard for four years. He earned full military honors reaching the rank of sergeant.

He worked for the Veterans Administration for more than 30 years between Marion and Fort Wayne, retiring in the 1980s.

He was bored when he retired so he worked for 10 more years at Your Friends and Neighbors until a car accident cut his career short at age 71.

He also helped pioneer one of the first drug rehabilitation centers, Irene Byron and worked at the St. Joe Burn and morgue unit. He worked, worked, worked.

He was a great provider. He was a master fisherman, trapper and hunter. He was asked to give tips to fellow outdoorsmen and a local television station, Fins and Feathers of Marion.

His daughter, Susan said, "I could go on forever, however I will close with Dad loved all his children and grandchildren deeply.

God needs him now 'till we meet again. Good night Dad. We love you."

Calling will be Tuesday from 9-11 a.m. at the Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett.

Burial and graveside services with full military honors will follow at 11:30 a.m. in the Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorials are to the family to help defray funeral expenses.

### Betty Barkdull

WOLCOTTVILLE — Betty J. Barkdull, 75, of Wolcottville died Friday, Nov. 12, 2010, in Wesley Health Care Center, Auburn.

Mrs. Barkdull had lived in this area since 1969, and frequently wintered in Florida.

She retired in 1985 after 18 years at Dometic in LaGrange.

She was born Dec. 8, 1934, in



Mrs. Barkdull

Anderson to Joseph and Gertrude E. (Clark) Reed. On April 29, 1960, in Alexandria she married Harold R. Barkdull Sr.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Trudi and Sanford Meyer of Wolcottville; five sons and a daughter-in-law, Michael Quinn of Ligonier, Jack Quinn of Ligonier, Randy Barkdull of Middle Town, Robin Barkdull of Fort Wayne, and Harold Barkdull Jr. and Sherry Barkdull of Wolcottville; 13 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Harold on February 5, 2008; two sisters; and two brothers.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday in Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, S.R. 9 North, Wolcottville, with Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery, Wolcottville.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

View a video tribute after Sunday or send condolences to the family at [www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com)



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**Jack Bledsoe**

ANGOLA — Jack Edward Bledsoe, 78, of Jimmerson Lake, Angola, died Friday, November 12, 2010, at his Angola home.

Mr. Bledsoe had worked for 25 years at Brammell in Angola, Ind., retiring as president of the company. He had also worked at Modern Air in Angola, Ind.

He grew up on Lake James and in his later years moved east of Angola. He graduated from Angola High School in 1950 and graduated from Tri-State University after serving in the U.S. Navy.

Mr. Bledsoe was a U.S. Navy veteran of the Korean War, serving on the USS Midway aircraft carrier as a ham radio operator.

He was a member of the Angola American Legion Post 31, Angola Moose Lodge 1568 and the Angola Masonic Lodge 236 F&AM.

Mr. Bledsoe served on many community committees and boards and was past president of the Angola Hospital Board and currently serves on the Steuben County Lakes Regional District Sewer Board.

His hobbies included playing tennis, golfing, the lake and flying, as he was a pilot.

He was born January 25, 1932, in Angola, Ind., to Roy and Jenny (Gebert) Bledsoe. He married Diane Baker on February 22, 1959, at the Angola Methodist Church. She survives.



**Mr. Bledsoe**

**Robert Voirol**

ALBION — Robert Clarence Voirol, age 84, died Friday, November 12, 2010, at 1:10 a.m. at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born on October 20, 1926, in Monroeville, Indiana, and was the son of Edward and Louise (Lamblin) Voirol.

He lived most of his life in Albion, but also spent some time living in New Haven.

Also surviving are a daughter, Kristina and Ronnie Miller of Orland, Ind.; a son, Kent Edward and Tina (Fisher) Bledsoe of Angola, Ind.; three grandchildren, Shelby Miller, Spencer Bledsoe and Sarah Bledsoe; and a sister-in-law, LaMoine (Bressler) Bledsoe of Lake James, Angola, Ind.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers, James, Roy and Robert Bledsoe.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday, November 15, 2010, at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, Ind.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, November 16, 2010, at the funeral home with Ray Bodie, a former high school classmate, will officiate. American Legion military honor guard services will follow the funeral.

Private burial will be at a later date at Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola, Ind.

Memorials are to Cameron Hospice or the Humane Society of Steuben County.

Condolences may be sent online to [www.beamsfuneralhome.com](http://www.beamsfuneralhome.com).

Mr. Voirol was a foreman at International Harvester, and retired from there in April of 1974.

He married Mary Joan Curtis in Kentucky on January 9, 1949. She preceded him in death in 2007.

He was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion, and served his country in the United States Marine Corps. Mr. Voirol was a member of the American Legion Post 246 in Albion, a member of 40 & 8, where he was a past state commander, and also a member of the Albion Eagles F.O.E. number 2455.

Surviving are his daughters and their husbands, Corinne and Galen Gillenwater of Albion, and Roberta and Grant Merriman of Albion; five grandchildren, Jeff Gillenwater, Sandy Sell, Keith Gillenwater, Melissa McDonald, and Mike Merriman; five great-grandchildren; a sister, Betty Fiedler of Fort Wayne; and many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Mary Joan; four brothers; and five sisters.

Funeral services for Mr. Voirol will be Tuesday, November 16, 2010, at 1 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion, with the Rev. Bret Frymier officiating.

Calling is on Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel. Calling is also one hour prior to the service on Tuesday at the church.

Burial following the funeral will be at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Memorials may be made to the Asbury United Methodist Church.

Please go to [brazzellfuneralhome.com](http://brazzellfuneralhome.com) to send online condolences.

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**Sue Christner**

MILLERSBURG — Sue L. Christner, 91, of Millersburg died at 12:15 a.m.

Friday, November 12, 2010, at the

home of her sister-in-law Gladys Christner.

Mrs. Christner had been in declining health and seriously ill the past three weeks.

She was a homemaker and a lifetime resident of the Topeka/Millersburg area.

Mrs. Christner was a longtime member of the North Goshen Mennonite Church. Sue sold Dutchmaid clothing from 1967-1972; started her own quilt business in 1975; and sold old and new quilts all over the USA. She has had a number of quilts put into the national quilt registry and her mother's quilt called "Jonnie Round the Corner" was displayed at the Indiana State Museum in Indianapolis and appeared on the cover of the Indiana Historical Society magazine "Traces."

She loved flowers and plants and always had a great interest in genealogy.

She was born August 5, 1919, in Topeka, Indiana, to Levi D. and Goldie (O'Neil Eash) Christner. She married Carl I. Christner on April 25, 1942, in Goshen. He died April 9, 2005.

Surviving are two sons, Steve and Tracey Christner of Goshen, Indiana, and Larry and Anita Christner of Topeka, Indiana; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and a brother, Samuel Christner of Leesburg.



**Mrs. Christner**

She was also preceded in death by her parents; five sisters, Lizzie Ann Miller, Emma Hostetler, Edith Lyon, Goldie L. Christner and Marry Fereva; and seven brothers, Menno L., Christian L., Amos L., John Levi, David A., Levi Lee and Arthur L. Christner.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at Maple Grove Church at Topeka.

Funeral services will be at 2:30 p.m. Monday at Maple Grove Church with Pastor Dean Linsenmeyer of North Goshen Mennonite Church officiating. Pallbearers will be John Kozinski, Kevin Christner, Allen Reiling, Dean Christner, Chuck Christner and Cletus Schwartz. Burial will be in Town Line Cemetery at Topeka.

Memorials are to North Goshen Mennonite Church.

Yoder-Culp Funeral Home in Goshen is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to [yoderculpfuneralhome.com](http://yoderculpfuneralhome.com).

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**Martin Manahan**

AVILLA — Martin C. “Marty” Manahan, 50, of Avilla died unexpectedly Thursday, November 11, 2010, in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Marty was a 1978 graduate of East Noble High School. He owned and operated Lawnscape of Avilla.



**Mr. Manahan**

He was a member of American Legion Post 86 Sons of the Legion in Kendallville where he was the current director of the Legion Riders. He was active in Big Brothers-Big Sisters of Noble County. He was a member of the Kendallville Eagles Lodge and held all the offices of the Kendallville Jaycees from 1980 until the club disbanded in 1996.

He was a collector of many things, and dearly loved the cottage on Rose Lake, Kinderhook, Michigan. He enjoyed riding his Harley.

He was born April 8, 1960, in Kendallville to Fred and Madilyn L. (Parker) Manahan. On October 17, 1981, in Kendallville he married Amie S. Gaff.

Surviving are his wife, Amie S. Manahan of Avilla; two daughters and a son-in-law, Brekan Manahan and her significant other, Scott Clements, and his daughter, Gracie, of Wawaka and Felecia and Derrick Ott of North Carolina; his father and stepmother, Fred and Irene Manahan of The Villages, Florida; a sister and brother-in-law, Marla L. and Fred Meyers of Lebanon; a brother, Mitchell T. “Mitch” Manahan of Detroit, Michigan; his “Little Brother,” Chadd Cook of Kendallville; and his dogs, Tucker and Deuce.

He was preceded in death by his mother on November 9, 1995.

Funeral services will be Sunday, November 14, 2010, at 2 p.m. in Crosspointe Family Church, 205 Highpointe Crossing, Kendallville, with Brother Bo McKie of the Legion Riders and Pastor Kevin Sneed of Crosspointe Family Church officiating. Burial

will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling is today, Saturday, November 13, 2010, from 2 to 8 p.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville.

Preferred memorials are to the Juvenile Diabetes Association, Big Brothers-Big Sisters of Noble County, the Noble County Humane Shelter, or to American Legion Post 86.

View a video tribute after Saturday or send condolences to the family at [www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com)



# 'Multiple gunshots' killed man involved in standoff

BY MATT GETTS

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LIGONIER — Police continue to investigate after John C. Weldy was shot and killed by police after pointing a gun at officers Friday evening to end a standoff at Weldy's home on Ligonier's east side.

Weldy was shot by members of the Northeast Indiana SWAT team.

An autopsy was performed Saturday.

According to Noble County Coroner Dr. Terry Gaff, Weldy died of "multiple gunshots" to the chest and abdomen area.

Gaff declined to say how many times Weldy was shot.

Gaff ruled the death a homicide, but said "there's no criminal implication" in that word. It only means that a human being took another human being's life.

The investigation is ongoing by the Noble County Sheriff Department, assisted by the Indiana State Police, Auburn Police, Cromwell Police, Noble County Prosecutor's Office, Noble County Coroner's Office, Ligonier Fire Department and Noble County EMS.

The shooting ended a three-hour standoff with authorities that began with a report of a man in the street with a long gun in the 700 block of East Smith Street at approximately 2:20 p.m.

Detective Sgt. Joe Hutsell, who is heading the investigation for the sheriff's department, declined to say what type of gun Weldy was carrying.

When Ligonier Police Officer Mike Alexander



BOB BUTTGEN

**The residence of John C. Weldy is shown cordoned off by police tape on Saturday. Weldy, 73, was killed by police after he pointed his gun at officers Friday evening. Earlier in the afternoon he had shot at one officer, police said.**

arrived on the scene, Weldy was in the street holding a long gun. Alexander stopped his car 25 yards away from Weldy. When officers ordered Weldy to drop the gun, Weldy pointed the gun at them and fired.

Alexander's vehicle was struck four times, Ligonier Police Chief Bryan Shearer said.

Officers did not return fire. Instead they sought cover.

Weldy then fled back into his residence at 701 E. Smith St.

A perimeter was set up, homes in the area were

evacuated and the Noble County Special Operations Group, Northeast Indiana SWAT and the Indiana State Police Emergency Response Team were activated.

Shearer said officers had communicated with Weldy for approximately 45 minutes. The communications with Weldy were filled with threats to police, Shearer said.

Weldy eventually appeared in a rear window of his home and pointed a gun at police.

That's when at least one member of Northeast Indiana SWAT opened fire.

# Bowerman a square shooter, conservative public official

BY DAVE KURTZ

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AUBURN — Loyal Bowerman worked hard all his life, dealt squarely with customers at his business and led his Auburn community as a conservative public official.

But for one weekend as a young man of 20, he acted impulsively.

His fiancée, Marie, 18, was working on a Saturday when Loyal showed up at noon.

"Here comes Loyal, all dressed up in a suit, and he said, 'Do you want to go to Kentucky?'" she recalled.

Marie knew what he had in mind, and when she hesitated, "He said, 'Well, it's now or never.'"

"I'm in a cotton dress, bobbie sox, saddle shoes, and I'm going to get married," Marie recalled last week.

She still wore that dress the next morning in Booneville, Ky., when they talked a county official into opening the courthouse on Sunday so they could get a marriage license. After a service ended at the Methodist church, they asked the pastor to marry them.

"We got married, turned right around and started back home," she said. Loyal took her to Angola, where they started their life together by staying with his parents.

"I'd never met his parents before," Marie said.

Their eventful weekend began a 70-year marriage that continued until Mr. Bowerman, 90, died Sept. 10.

The couple met when Marie was 16 and working at Newberry's dime store in downtown Auburn. Her assistant manager set them up for a blind date, and she soon sent a "Dear John" letter to the young man she

had been seeing.

Loyal was working at the A&P store in Auburn when he met Marie. A native of Angola, he started cutting meat at age 12 for a butcher shop in his hometown. That led to a career in the food market industry.

"He managed markets at a very young age. He didn't always tell his age," she said.

They were in their early 30s when they bought a former bakery on the northeast side of Auburn's courthouse square and started their own meat market.

"We lived upstairs. It was just ideal," she said. They went downstairs to begin work at 6 a.m. each day and closed at 6 p.m.

Mr. Bowerman was a master at cutting meat with hand tools, Marie said.

"Whatever he did was just perfect. He was fussy. You don't get that anymore in your big stores," she said.

The market thrived because its meat was "fork-tender" and due to the Bowermans' personal touch.

"That's the name of the game, when you care about your customers," Marie said.

After some 30 years with the store, Loyal retired in the early 1980s at age 62.

"I've had 50 years of cutting meat," he told Marie.

Mr. Bowerman had been active in Republican politics, winning election to the Auburn city council



Mr. Bowerman

and the DeKalb County Council over the years.

"We were always honest in our dealings. I think that's part of it," Marie said about her husband's political success.

"He loved government. He loved to be conservative. It was kind of his way of getting out of the store once in a while," she added.

At home, Loyal was a caring but strict father, she said.

The Bowermans' daughter, Sharon Smith, now lives about a block away from her parents' home in southeast Auburn. She worked in their market during high school and again after she married.

"You always had to be on your toes. You always had to take care of the customers — they were first," she said. And after closing time, "It all had to be spotless before you left."

When Sharon married her husband, Marvin, who was in military service, her father bought them a brand-new Chevrolet.

"He didn't want us going to Massachusetts in an old junker," she said.

She remembers her father's love of taking his dog on the lawn tractor when he mowed the yard, and his taste for gravy, which didn't stop him from living 90 years.

"He never drank," Smith said about her father.

"I would never marry a man that drank," Marie had told her husband seven decades ago.

She did marry a man who stood the test of time.

"Loyal had a lot of good ideas," Marie said, "and I just jumped in, and we worked together."



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### Ruth Obendorf

BUTLER — Ruth Webb Obendorf, 83, died Friday, Nov. 12, 2010 at the Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home in Butler.

She was a homemaker.

On Jan. 30, 1927 in Scott, Ohio, she was born to Perry and Sarah (Stahl) Pugh. She married James Paul Spencer on May 1, 1968. He preceded her in death on Aug. 17, 1998.



**Mrs. Obendorf**

She married Russell Obendorf on July 31, 2002. He preceded her in death on July 15, 2008.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Lloyd and Wilma Webb, Spencerville, and Jerry and Trudy Webb, Butler; a daughter and son-in-law, Sharon and Marty Urban, Albuquerque, N.M.; a sister, Betty Patton, Sandusky, Ohio; two brothers, Paul (Joan) Pugh, Butler, and Dennis (Lorie) Pugh, Auburn; 13 grandchildren; and 29 great grandchildren.

In addition to her husbands, she was preceded in death by a son, Lowell Webb, a grandson, Darin Webb, and her parents.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2010 at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler, with Mark Webb officiating. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery, Waterloo.

Calling will be 2-7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2010 at the funeral home.

### Connie Campbell

ANGOLA — Connie Lou Campbell, 72, died Friday, Nov. 12, 2010, at Lakeland Nursing Center, Angola.

There will be no services.

Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, is in charge of arrangements.

The online guest book may be signed by visiting [weichtfh.com](http://weichtfh.com).

### Helen Witmer

FORT WAYNE — Helen B. Witmer, 85, died Saturday, Nov. 13, 2010 at Kingston at Dupont Nursing Home, Fort Wayne.

Private services will be held by D.O. McComb and Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne.

### Damien Wirick

CROMWELL — Damien Wirick, 31, of Cromwell, died unexpectedly Friday, Nov. 12, 2010.

Arrangements are pending at Yeager Funeral Home, Ligonier.

Memorials are to DeKalb Hospice, DeKalb County Cancer or Darin Webb Scholarship fund in care of the Fraternal Order of Eagles of Butler.

Condolences may be sent online to [hejohnson.com](http://hejohnson.com).

### Margaret Miller

GOSHEN — Margaret M. Miller, 84, of Goshen, formerly of Shipshewana, died at 10:55 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, 2010 at Greencroft Gables Health Care, Goshen, where she had lived for three and a half years.



**Mrs. Miller**

She worked as a dental assistant for 20 years in Topeka, and worked at Yoder's Department Store in Shipshewana for 33 years. She was a member of the Shore Mennonite Church, Shipshewana, where she had taught Sunday School and Bible School.

On Sept. 12, 1926 she was born in Shipshewana to Homer J. and Lizzie (Troyer) Miller.

Surviving are a sister, Barbara (Norman "Bud") Hostetler of Topeka; and six nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a sister, Marjorie Rheinheimer, a brother, Calvin Miller, and a niece.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 16, at Shore Mennonite Church, 7235W C.R. 100N, Shipshewana, with Pastor Carl Horner officiating. Burial will be in Shore Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Calling will be 2-8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 15, 2010 at the church.

Memorials are to LaGrange County Clothes and Food Basket.

Condolences may be sent online to [millerstewartfuneralhome.com](http://millerstewartfuneralhome.com).

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, 1003 S. Main St., Middlebury, is in charge of arrangements.



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**Betty Smith**

**GARRETT** — Betty U. Smith, 88, died Friday, Nov. 12, 2010 at her home.

She was a homemaker and member of Lakewood Park Baptist Church.

Mrs. Smith was born March 19, 1922 in Garrett, Ind., to Harry L. and Effie (Quinn) Miller, and they preceded her in death. She married Delmar O. Smith on June 16, 1940, and he preceded her in death.

Survivors are: three sons, Myron G. Smith, Fort Wayne, Ind., Timothy P. Smith, Fremont, Ind., and David T. Smith, Harpers Ferry, W.Va.; three daughters, Brenda C. Viers, Myrtle Beach, S.C., Deborah L. Smith, Garrett, Ind., and Del Marie Burchardt, Vancouver, Wash.; 16 grandchildren; 26 great grandchildren; and one great grandchild.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Ethel Ann Smith, and a grandson.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2010 at Lakewood Park Baptist Church with Pastors Russ Howard and Wayne Smith officiating. Burial will follow in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2010 at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, and 9-10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2010 at the church.

Memorials are to Lakewood Park Baptist Church Deacon's Fund or DeKalb Memorial Home Health and Hospice Services.

Condolences may be sent and the online register book signed at [thomasfuneral-home.org](http://thomasfuneral-home.org).

**Charles Reeder**

**ANDERSON** — Charles E. Reeder, 94, of Anderson, Ind. died Saturday, Nov. 13, 2010 at Countryside Manor in Anderson.

He held a variety of positions in Anderson including ownership of Reeder Printing Company.

He served with the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a member of the First Baptist and Meadowbrook Baptist churches in Anderson, and a member of the Anderson Jaycees.

Mr. Reeder graduated from Anderson High School in 1934.

His parents were Charles H. and Maggie Reeder.

Surviving are a son, Robert E. (Emily) Reeder, Anderson; twin daughters, Julie (Brian) Morson, Anderson, and Jeanie Park, LaGrange, Ind.; six grandchildren; and 14 great grandchildren.

His wife Rosemary A. Reeder preceded him in death in 1998.

Services will be at noon Monday, Nov. 15, 2010 at Rozelle-Johnson Funeral Service, 229 S. Rangeline Rd., Anderson. A private family burial will take place at East Maplewood Cemetery in Anderson.

Calling will be 10 a.m.-noon Monday, Nov. 15, 2010 at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions can be made to United Faith Housing, 600 E. Main St., Anderson IN 46012.

**Marian Gschwind**

**AUBURN** — Marian C. Gschwind, 97, of Auburn, died Friday, Nov. 12, 2010 at Betz Nursing Home.

She was born on Sept. 11, 1913, she was born in Toledo, Ohio.

She was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, John R. and Kathy Gschwind, Auburn; a grandson, John R. Gschwind; two granddaughters, Allison Gschwind and Janice Brown; two great grandchildren; and a daughter-in-law, Ann Gschwind of Philadelphia, Penn.

She was preceded in death by her husband of more than 50 years, Robert M. Gschwind, and a son, Fredrick H. Gschwind.

Mass of Christian Resurrection will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2010, with calling one hour prior at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

To sign the online guest book or to leave a condolence, visit [pinnington-mccomb.com](http://pinnington-mccomb.com).



**Mrs. Gschwind**

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**Mattie Miller**

GOSHEN — Mattie  
Miller, 91, of Goshen,

formerly of Middlebury,  
died at 9:30 a.m. Saturday,  
Nov. 14, 2010, at Greencroft  
Care Center, Goshen, where  
she had lived since April  
1998.

Services will be at 10  
a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 17,  
2010, at First Mennonite  
Church, Middlebury, with  
the Revs. Sam Troyer,  
Linford Martin and Pamela  
Yoder officiating. Burial will  
be in Grace Lawn Cemetery,  
Middlebury.

Calling will be 2-4 and 6-  
8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 16,  
2010, at Miller-Stewart  
Funeral Home, 1003 S.  
Main St., Middlebury.

Memorials may be given  
to Middlebury Food Pantry.

Online condolences may  
be sent to [millerstewartfuneralhome.com](http://millerstewartfuneralhome.com).

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**Ruth Obendorf**

BUTLER — Ruth Webb Obendorf, 83, died Friday, Nov. 12, 2010 at the Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home in Butler.

She was a homemaker.

On Jan. 30, 1927 in Scott, Ohio, she was born to Perry and Sarah (Stahl)



**Mrs.  
Obendorf**

Pugh. She married James Paul Spencer on May 1, 1968. He preceded her in death on Aug. 17, 1998. She married Russell Obendorf on

July 31, 2002. He preceded her in death on July 15, 2008.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Lloyd and Wilma Webb, Spencerville, and Jerry and Trudy Webb, Butler; a daughter and son-in-law, Sharon and Marty Urban, Albuquerque, N.M.; a sister, Betty Patton, Sandusky, Ohio; two brothers, Paul (Joan) Pugh, Butler, and Dennis (Lorie) Pugh, Auburn; 13 grandchildren; and 29 great grandchildren.

In addition to her husbands, she was preceded in death by a son, Lowell Webb; a grandson, Darin Webb; a brother, John Pugh; and her parents.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2010 at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler, with Mark Webb officiating. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery, Waterloo.

**George Laurie**

KENDALLVILLE — George A. Laurie, 69, of Kendallville died Saturday, Nov. 13, 2010, in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel.

**Leontine Godfrey**

ALBION — Leontine "Red" Godfrey, 82, died Friday, November 12, 2010, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

She was born on May 7, 1928, in Welsh, Louisiana, and was the daughter of Joseph and Sedonie (Landry) Allemand. She came to the Albion area more than 30 years ago, coming from Louisiana.

Mrs. Godfrey was a homemaker for her life's work. She was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother who loved cooking for her family. She enjoyed quilting, and spending special time with her grandchildren.

Surviving are a son, William "Bill" Godfrey, of Albion; daughters Ellen (Neal) Wolfe of Skinner Lake, Patricia Staton of Albion, and Linda (Hewitt) Chaisson of Pine Island, Louisiana; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Fred Godfrey on May 5, 1987, a grandson, Anthony "Tony" Staton, four brothers, and four sisters.

Memorial calling will be on Wednesday, November 17, 2010, from 5-7 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

Cremation will take place and her final resting place will be in Louisiana at a later date.

An online obituary can be viewed at [brazzellfuneralhome.com](http://brazzellfuneralhome.com)

Calling will be 2-7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2010 at the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Hospice, DeKalb County Cancer or to the Darin Webb Scholarship fund, in care of the Fraternal Order of Eagles of Butler.

Condolences may be sent online to [hejohnson.com](http://hejohnson.com).



**THE NEWS SUN**  
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**Margaret Ley**

AVILLA — Margaret Elizabeth (Marti) Ley, age 84, died on Monday, November 15, 2010, at 8:35 a.m. at Parkview Noble Hospital's Intensive Care Unit in Kendallville.



**Mrs. Ley**

She was born in Kendallville on June 11, 1926, and was the daughter of William and Bertha (Schenher) Marti. She lived all of her life in the Avilla community.

She graduated from Avilla High School in 1944 as the valedictorian of her class. On May 7, 1947, she married John W. Ley at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville. He died on March 29, 1999. They were married for 52 years.

While working for Birkmeier Monument Company of Delphos, Ohio, she and her late husband began John Ley Monuments on South Main Street in Avilla in 1968. In 1979, they branched out on their own and started to purchase their own granite. The following year they built their own shop and began doing their own lettering on cemetery monuments. With their business expanding, in 1984 they erected a new building in the Avilla Industrial Park on the east side of town. The Leys were known for excellent workmanship.

Margaret retired in 2001 and sold the business to her son, Anthony and his wife Regina, which they continue to operate.

Mrs. Ley attended and was very active with the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla, where she was a member of the Rosary Society. She was a member of the Association of Franciscan Sister's of Sacred Heart, the Secular Franciscan Order, and was a lifetime member of the Avilla American Legion Post 240 Women's Auxiliary.

She devoted her life to God, to her family, and is now at peace with her husband and her children.

Surviving are her children, Lawrence E. (Suzy) Ley of Hideaway, Texas, Philip (Lisa) Ley of Avilla; Rita Eagleson and Carl Ramcke of Naperville, Illinois, Leo (Linda) Ley of Naperville, Illinois, Giles (Carla) Ley of Avilla, Vincent Ley of Williamsburg, Kansas, Robert (Kimberly) Ley of Avilla, Anthony "Tony" (Regina) Ley of Avilla, and Urban (Tina) Ley of Avilla.

There is nothing that Margaret loved more than her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Her grandchildren are Sarah Housholder, Susan Nevil, Jennifer Ley, Ashley Kline, Blake Williams, Rebecca Ley, Rachel Ley, Colten Williams, Angela Eagleson, Terri Godwin, Erin Ley, Devon Ley, Kaleigh Didion, A.J. Ley, Kimberly Knape, Jessica Pierce, David Ley, Elizabeth Ley, Zachary VanWinkle, Megan Ley, Valerie Ley, Katie Ley, Samantha Ley, Cody Ley and Mitchell Ley. Her great-grandchildren are Jessica Day, Dakota Nevil, Joey Day, Nicholas Nevil, Jerod Day, Tyler Nevil, Kirstin Nevil, John Housholder, Bailey Kerzman, Claire Allman, Kenzi Schmidt, Rylee Schmidt, Ben Godwin, Damon Pierce and Jayden Pierce.

Also surviving are her sisters, Eleanor Harding of Avilla, Ann Helmkamp of Auburn, LaVon Skinker of San Diego, California, and Joan Cook of Sun City, Arizona.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; two children, David Ley and Mariannè Ley; one grandson, Dalton Ley; and two brothers, Thomas Marti and Charles Marti.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Thursday, November 18, 2010, at 10 a.m. at the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla. Father Edward Erpelding will celebrate the Mass. Burial will follow at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla. Serving as pallbearers will be David Ley, Joey Day, Cody Ley, Devon Ley, Mitchell Ley, Jerod Day, Tyler Nevil, Colten Williams and A.J. Ley.

Visitation will be on Wednesday, from 2 to 8 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel. There will be an additional hour of visitation at the church before the Mass.

A rosary service will be recited at 8 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to St. Mary's Catholic School endowment fund.

Send online condolences to [brazzellfuneralhome.com](http://brazzellfuneralhome.com).

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**Colten Pelfrey**

FREMONT — Colten R. Pelfrey, 18, of Fremont died Saturday, November 13, 2010, at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor, Michigan, due to injuries he suffered in an accident Nov. 9, 2010, in Steuben County, Indiana.



**Mr. Pelfrey**

Colten was a senior at Fremont High School, planning to graduate with the class of 2011. He had taken early enlistment with the United States Marine Corps.

He enjoyed his mechanics class.

He also enjoyed camping, being outdoors, working on cars and hunting.

Colten had formerly lived in Angola, Indiana, and had attended Prairie Heights

schools until the seventh grade when he moved to Fremont.

He had attended Zion Missionary Church in Fremont, Indiana.

He was born September 7, 1992, in Angola, Indiana, to Walter and Darlene (Danning) Pelfrey. They both survive.

Surviving with his parents are two brothers, Falcon Pelfrey of Fremont, Ind., and Farron Pelfrey of Washington, D.C.; two sisters, Natasha Diaz-Pelfrey of El Paso, Texas, and Shalena Miller of Angola, Ind.; his paternal grandparents, Dorothy Fritz of Fremont, Ind., and Walter Pelfrey of Kendallville, Ind.; and his maternal grandmother, Beverly Joan Danning of Angola, Ind.

He was preceded in death by his grandfathers, Dan Danning and Lewis R. Fritz.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday, November 18, 2010, at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, Ind.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, November 19, 2010, at Zion Missionary Church in Fremont with the Rev. Stephan Altman officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery in Orland, Ind.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent online to [www.beamsfuneral-home.com](http://www.beamsfuneral-home.com).

**Robert Baker**

AVILLA — Robert Lee Baker, 78, of Avilla died Sunday, November 14, 2010, at his Home in Avilla.

Robert was born in Logansport on December 20, 1931, and raised by his grandparents, Jess and Orphia Proctor.



**Mr. Baker**

He worked for Essex/United Technologies in Auburn for 33 years, retiring in 1989. He then worked in Texas another seven years before retiring again in 1996.

He was a staff sergeant in the Air Force during the Korean War.

He loved playing chess, cards, crossword puzzles and the Chicago Bears.

He married Roberta Cooke on February 15, 1957, in Logansport and she survives.

He is also survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Robert and Debbie Baker of Auburn and Ronald and Debbie Baker of LaGrange; and two granddaughters, Kristen (Charlie) Westbrook of Thomasville, North Carolina, and Megan Baker of LaGrange.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, November 17, 2010, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, Ind. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is two hours prior to the service Wednesday from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to DeKalb Memorial Home Health and Hospice.

To view an obituary online or send condolences visit [fellerandclark.com](http://fellerandclark.com).



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## **George Laurie**

**KENDALLVILLE** — George A. Laurie, 69, of Kendallville died Saturday, Nov. 13, 2010, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Laurie had worked in maintenance in several area factories. He most recently worked at Parkview Noble Hospital as a security officer.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving from 1959 to 1970. He served in Vietnam as a Navy Seal. He was a member of American Legion Post 86, VFW Post 2749, the American Legion Riders Squadron Charter and a life member of the DAV.

He served as a past master of F&AM Lodge 85 in Ligonier, and recently transferred his membership to the Kendallville Lodge. He was also a member of the Fort Wayne Scottish Rite and the Fort Wayne Mizpah Shrine, and a former member of the Kendallville Eagles Lodge.

He was born Sept. 20, 1941, in Honolulu, Hawaii, to Albert and Elizabeth (Wilemon) Laurie. On April 6, 2008, in Kendallville, he married Pam (Parker) Bradshaw.

Surviving are his wife, Pam Laurie of Kendallville; four daughters and a son-in-



**Mr. Laurie**

law, Loki and Junior Leomiti of California, Carol Tautala of California, Meleah Wagner of Florida, and Erin Laurie; two sons and daughters-in-law, Albert and Claudia Laurie of California, Frank Laurie of California and Diana of California; 10 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two sisters, Ailene Defreese of Elkhart and Sharon of Seattle, Wash.; three brothers, Lachlan Laurie of California, Ian Laurie of Oregon and Colin Laurie of California; and his stepmother, Wilma Laurie of Phoenix, Ariz.

He was preceded in death by a son, Ricky Laurie, and a sister, Joann.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at American Legion Post 86, 322 S. Main St., Kendallville. Honor guard services will be provided by VFW Post 2749 and American Legion Post 86.

Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.youngfamilyfuneral-home.com](http://www.youngfamilyfuneral-home.com)

## **Joan Jolly**

**COLDWATER, Mich.** — Joan Jolly, 81, passed away Friday, November 12, 2010, at Ball Memorial Hospital following a brief illness and a brave battle with cancer.

She was born in Archbold, Ohio, August 5, 1925, the daughter of George and Helen (DeGross) Baker.

Joan had been a bookkeeper for Fremont Lumber Company, Fremont, Indiana, and also for the superintendent of Pokagon State Park, Fremont, Indiana.

She enjoyed working in her flower garden and was an avid reader.

Survivors include her husband of 64 years, DeMaurice "Mike" W. Jolly, Coldwater, Michigan; a son, Frederick W. Jolly (wife-Teresa), Muncie; a niece, Jenny Kander, Naples, Florida; a nephew, Jeff Kander, Toledo, Ohio; many cousins and their families; special friends, Lester Perry, Stryker, Ohio, Lee and DeeDee Osterholt, Coldwater, Michigan, and Cheri Hantz, Fremont, Indiana.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one son, Neil; and a sister, Joyce.

There will be no calling or services.

The Meeks Mortuary and Crematory, Washington Street Chapel, Muncie, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to a cancer center of your choice.

Online condolences may be directed to the family at [www.meeksmortuary.com](http://www.meeksmortuary.com).



**Mrs. Jolly**



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**Carol Hills**

WATERLOO — Carol Jean Hills, 69, of Waterloo died Monday, Nov. 15, 2010, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

She was a 1961 graduate of Eastside High School.

She worked at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn for 30 years.

She was born Oct. 26, 1941, in Auburn.

She is survived by a stepmother, Mary Hills of Butler; a sister and brother-in-law, Margaret M. and Emerson Casebere of Auburn; three daughters and sons-in-law, Carolyn Sue

and Steven Metzler of Bradenton, Fla., Sheri and Willie Crager of Waterloo, and Amy and Robert Becker of Kendallville; four stepsisters, Janet Morrow Beaty of Butler, Laura Bowers of Bryan, Ohio, Joyce Muehlfield of Findley, Ohio, and Francis Higley of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren; six step-grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; three nieces; and a nephew.

She was preceded in death by her father, Clarence H. Hills; and her mother and stepfather, Callie V. and Edward Cluster.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at Eddy Cemetery, rural Hamilton.

Memorials are to the family in care of Margaret Casebere.

Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit [www.fellerandclark.com](http://www.fellerandclark.com).

**Jocelyn Cole**

LIGONIER — Infant Jocelyn Rae Cole lived 68 days before she died at Parkview North Hospital, Monday, Nov. 15, 2010.

Her parents are Joyce and Jeff Cole of Ligonier.

Services are pending with Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

**Fred Hinderer**

WARSAW — Fred Hinderer, 51, of Warsaw died Saturday, Nov. 13, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the Eastlund Funeral Home in Syracuse.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Burial will follow at the Syracuse Cemetery.

**Damian Wirick**

CROMWELL — Damian Wirick, 32, of Cromwell, died Friday, Nov. 12, 2010, at his residence.

No public services are planned at this time.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Yeager Funeral Home, Ligonier, is assisting the family with arrangements.

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**Arleen Groen**

WEST LAFAYETTE — Arleen Groen, 42, of West Lafayette died Sunday, Nov. 14, 2010 in Clarian Arnett Hospital of Lafayette.

Visitation will be from 3-7 p.m. Wednesday at Stitz-Clapper Funeral Home in Remington, Ind.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday. Interment will follow in Remington Cemetery.

Memorials are in care of her children to the Arleen F. Groen Memorial Fund.

**Mary Liechty**

FORT WAYNE — Mary M. Liechty, 87, died Sunday, Nov. 14, 2010, at The Cedars

in Leo-Cedarville.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at North Leo Mennonite Church, 15419 S.R. 1, with the Rev. Marshall Anderson officiating. Burial will be in Leo Memorial Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at D.O. McComb and Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road.

Memorials are to the North Leo Mennonite Church or the Davis Phinney Foundation for Parkinson's Research, 4676 Broadway, Boulder, CO 80304.

**Eldean Yarger**

EDGERTON, OHIO — Eldean W. Yarger, 89, formerly of Edgerton, Ohio,

died Sunday, Nov. 14, 2010 in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 18, 2010 in West Milford Church of Christ near Hicksville, Ohio, with Pastor Fred Lab officiating. Burial will follow in Six Corners Cemetery near Hicksville with graveside military rites conducted by John D. Smith American Legion Post 10 of Edgerton.

Calling will be 4-8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2010 at Krill Funeral Home, Edgerton, and one hour prior to services at the church.

Memorials are to West Milford Church of Christ or Woodburn Christian Children's Home.

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### Retta Graves

**BUTLER** — Retta V. Graves, 85, of Butler died Monday, Nov. 15, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Graves worked for Universal Tool in Butler for 25 years, retiring in 1988.

She was a member of the Butler Church of the Nazarene.

She also belonged to the Dionne Quintuplets Club.

She was born June 16, 1925, in Summit City, Mich., to Joseph and Eva G. (Gary) Schuster. They both preceded her in death.

She married Leslie O. Graves on Sept. 14, 1943, in Auburn. He died Jan. 19, 1978.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Joseph and Laura Graves of Auburn and Daniel L. Graves and June Fifer of Hamilton; three daughters and a son-in-law, Charlene and Colin Rose of Bryan, Ohio, Esther Graves of Auburn and Jennifer Graves of Butler; nine grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by five sisters, Zina Schuster, Katherine Smith, Helen Cooper, Isabelle Neu and Jennie Schuster; and five brothers, Carl Schuster, Robert Schuster, Clifford Schuster, Henry Schuster and Alfred Schuster.



**Mrs. Graves**

### Jon Bockus

**GOSHEN** — Jon G. Bockus, 70, of Goshen and formerly of Middlebury, died Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2010, at the Courtyard Health Care facility of Goshen.

Memorial services will be held at a later date. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery, Middlebury.

Memorials are to the Multiple Sclerosis Society or the charity of the donor's choice.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

### Frances Wolf

**AVILLA** — A celebration of life services will be held at the graveside for Frances V. Wolf will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Avilla Lutheran Cemetery.

Mrs. Wolf, 89, of Oldsmar, Fla., and formerly of Avilla, died Oct. 16, 2010.

Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, is assisting with arrangements.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday with visitation one hour prior at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with Pastor Paul Patton officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the Butler Church of the Nazarene or DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit [www.fellerandclark.com](http://www.fellerandclark.com).

### Jocelyn Cole

**LIGONIER** — Jocelyn Rae Cole, 68 days old, and the daughter of Jeffrey Ray and Joyce Ann (Manns) Cole, died Monday, Nov. 15, 2010, at Parkview North Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Jocelyn was born premature on Sept. 8, 2010, at Parkview North Hospital.

Surviving are her parents are Jeff and Joyce Cole, both of Ligonier; her grandparents, Mackie and Pam Manns of Stroh and Phyllis Cole of Ligonier; and great-grandparents, Laura Lewis of Moorhead, Ky., and Lavenia Bolen of LaGrange.

She was preceded in death by a grandfather, Max Cole; and her great-grandparents, Eugene Lewis, James Manns Jr., Homer and Edith Whitaker, and Raymond and Irene Cole.

Visitation will be after 4 p.m. today at the Shiloh Baptist Church, 709 Johnson St., in Ligonier.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Shiloh Baptist Church with the Rev. Jimmy Shepherd officiating.

Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Send condolences to the family at [www.hitefuneralhome.com](http://www.hitefuneralhome.com)



**Baby Cole**



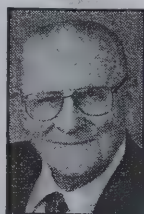
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### **Eldean Yarger**

EDGERTON, Ohio — Eldean W. Yarger, 89, former longtime resident of Edgerton, Ohio, died at 10:45 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14, 2010, in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.



**Mr. Yarger**

Mr. Yarger was employed as a machinist by the Aro Corp. in Bryan, Ohio, retiring with 31 years of service. He also drove school bus for 18 years for the Edgerton Local school system.

He was a World War II Army Air Corps veteran and held memberships with Bryan VFW 2489, John D. Smith Post 10 of the Edgerton American Legion, of which he was a past commander, and the Bryan Am-Vets Post 54.

Mr. Yarger was also a member of the West Milford Church of Christ and played Santa Claus in the Edgerton area for 57 years.

He was born on March 3, 1921, in Paulding County, Ohio, to William and Eliza C. (Otis) Yarger. He married Betty J. Walden on Jan. 26, 1943, in Hicksville, Ohio, and she died in 2007.

Surviving are three daughters, Carol Ann (Ford) Hudson of Butler, Ind., Linda Lou (Fred) Storar, of Blackshear, Ga., and Mary Jo (Tom) Stemen of Butler, Ind.; two sons, Gary (Mary) Yarger of Huntertown, Ind., and Carl (Cheryl) Yarger of Butler, Ind.; 14 grandchildren; 12 great-grandsons; six great-granddaughters; and one great-great-granddaughter.

### **Eldon Stanley**

LAGRANGE — Eldon Byron Stanley, age 87, of LaGrange died on Monday, November 15, 2010, at Lutheran Life Villages in Kendallville.



**Mr. Stanley**

Mr. Stanley was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana, on March 13, 1923, to the late Donald M. and Lela (Wilson) Stanley.

He was also preceded in death by a granddaughter, a brother, Allen, and a sister, Maxine Skeels.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in the West Milford Church of Christ, near Hicksville, Ohio, with Pastor Fred Lab officiating. Interment will follow in Six Corners Cemetery near Hicksville, with graveside military rites conducted by John D. Smith Post 10 of the Edgerton American Legion.

Visitation will be in the Krill Funeral Home in

Edgerton from 4-8 p.m. today, and one hour prior to the service at the church.

Memorials are to the West Milford Church of Christ or to the Woodburn Christian Children's Home.

Condolences may be sent to and the online register may be signed at [www.krillfuneralservice.com](http://www.krillfuneralservice.com)

He graduated from South Side High School in Fort Wayne in 1941.

Mr. Stanley served his country in the United States Army and was a WWII Bronze Star recipient.

He was formerly married to Mary Ann (Herber) Stanley, who preceded his death on June 16, 2009.

Eldon retired in 1983 from General Electric, Broadway Plant, in Fort Wayne after 41 1/2 years as an electrician.

Eldon enjoyed spending time with family, listening to Big Band music, working in the garden, tinkering in the garage, and following current political events.

Survivors include five daughters, Ann and Dick Marcotte of Fort Wayne, Kay and Larry Davidson of Columbia City, Cynthia and Bill Roseberry of Fort Wayne, Kim and Larry Stanley of Kendallville, Lynn and Greg Walker of Morocco, Ind.; two sons, Brian and Vicky Stanley of Salinas, California, and Kevin Stanley of Fort Wayne; 14 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his brother, Dorwin L. Stanley, who died in August 2010.

A private celebration of Eldon's Life will be at a later date.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville.

Send a condolence to the family at [www.hitefuneralhome.com](http://www.hitefuneralhome.com)

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**Paul Greenwell**

AUBURN — Paul E. Greenwell, 81, of Auburn died Monday, November 15, 2010 at Provena Sacred Heart in Avilla.

He was born in Huntertown on April 7, 1929, to Perry and Clara (Schuelke) Greenwell.



**Mr. Greenwell**

He worked at Reeves/Foamex in Auburn for 12 years retiring in 1991.

Paul married Bobbie Ousley on August 20, 1951 in Pleasant Lake and she passed away February 17, 1999.

He is survived by a son, Thomas Greenwell of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Kathy and Ronald Remke of Auburn; a sister, Dorothea Koble of Glendale, Ariz.; his brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Oscar and Kathleen Ousley of Garrett, Alonzo Jones of Corunna, Charles and Donna Ousley of Auburn, Marie Jones of Garrett, Norma Jones of Kendallville and Sandra and Delmar Handshoe of Garrett.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; a sister, Marie Ferguson; two brothers, Perry C. Greenwell who died at age 9 months, and Alfred Greenwell who died at age two weeks; and a half brother, Chester Schuelke.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday, November 19, 2010, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

**Martha Neff**

LAGRANGE — Martha Lou Neff, 79, of LaGrange died Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2010, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Mrs. Neff was a lifetime LaGrange County resident and a homemaker.

She worked at LaGrange Hospital as a nursing aide for 30 years and was a school bus driver for Westview School Corp. for 35 years.



**Mrs. Neff**

Mrs. Neff was a member of the First United Methodist Church in LaGrange and a volunteer for LaGrange County Clothes and Food Basket.

She was born March 24, 1931, in LaGrange to Maynard and Freeda (Miller) Atwater. They preceded her in death. She married Elmer Neff in LaGrange County on June 28, 1952. He preceded her in death on Jan. 7, 2008.

Surviving are two daughters and son-in-laws, Dianne and Philip Hostetler and Sally and David Hall, all of LaGrange; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; four sisters, Margaret Miller of Bristol, Marjorie Bixler of Goshen, Madonna Price of LaGrange and Marilyn Emmert of Albion; and two brothers, Maurice Atwater and Mark Atwater both of LaGrange.

Also preceding her in death were a daughter, Ronda Neff on July 17, 2000; a son, Craig Neff on July 29, 1993; and a brother, Merlin Atwater.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the First United Methodist Church of LaGrange, 209 W. Spring St., with Rev. Chris Danielson officiating. Burial will be in Shore Cemetery in Shipshewana.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. Thursday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange.

Memorials are to the Craig and Ronda Neff Scholarship, c/o LaGrange County Community Foundation.

Condolences may be left for the family at [www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com](http://www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com).

**The Rev.**

**W. Gene Schwenk**

FORT WAYNE — The Rev. W. Gene Schwenk, 73, died Monday, November 15, 2010, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Service is 1:00 PM, Saturday, at Lakewood Park Baptist Church, 5555 CR 29, Auburn, with The Rev. Clare Jewel officiating.

Calling is at D.O. McComb and Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road, Fort Wayne, Friday, 2-4 and 6-8 p.m., and one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial is in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the Deacon Fund at Lakewood Park Baptist Church.

Calling will be Thursday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials can be directed to DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

To view an obituary online or send condolences visit [fellerandclark.com](http://fellerandclark.com).



## ALBION NEW ERA

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# Ligonier man shot after standoff

LIGONIER, Ind. — A Ligonier man who opened fire on police Friday afternoon was shot dead after a three hour standoff.

John Weldy Jr., 73, was shot by Special Operations Group members after pointing a long gun at officers at around 5:10 p.m., about three hours after the incident began. Ligonier Police were initially investigating a report of a man walking

around with a long gun in his hands, when they responded to the 700 block of Smith Street just before 2 p.m. When officer Mike Alexander arrived, Weldy allegedly aimed the gun and began firing, hitting Alexander's Ligonier Police car at least four times.

When officers told Weldy to drop the weapon, he reportedly ignored them (continued on page four)

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(continued from page one) and instead retreated into his residence at 701 Smith Street. Police, who didn't return fire at first due to the possibility of hitting neighboring homes behind Weldy, stood by until assistance arrived from the Noble County Sheriff's Department, Indiana State Police, and Cromwell Police.

Police evacuated nearby homes, notified the West Noble Schools, and brought in an EMS unit to stand by as a precaution. The Ligonier Fire Department

and Samaritan medical helicopter was also placed on standby. Officers tried to communicate with Weldy with a bullhorn, but were unable to talk him into surrendering.

Meanwhile, police obtained an arrest warrant from Noble County Superior Court Judge Robert Kirsch, charging Weldy with Criminal Recklessness With a Firearm and Pointing a Firearm, both class D felonies.

Northeast Indiana Special Operations Group

members tried to negotiate with Weldy to get him to drop the gun and surrender, during which time Weldy reportedly threatened police. At about 5:12 p.m. Weldy allegedly pointed his weapon at an officer, causing SOG members to open fire on him. Medical personnel were ready, but were unable to save Weldy, and he was pronounced dead at the scene.

The Noble County Coroner's Office confirmed the next day that Weldy died from wounds received from the police action

shooting. His motive for opening fire still isn't clear.

Alexander, Ligonier's newly appointed code enforcement officer, had reportedly been in contact with Weldy in reference to cleaning up his property, and Weldy was reportedly given a disorderly conduct warning after police were called to his home on November 10. An investigation is still ongoing by the Sheriff's Department, assisted by the State Police, Auburn and Cromwell Police Department, and Noble County Prosecutor's Office.



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### **Margaret Elizabeth Ley, 84**

Avilla - Margaret Elizabeth (Marti) Ley, age 84, died on Monday, November 15, 2010 at 8:35 AM at Parkview Noble Hospital Intensive Care Unit in Kendallville.

She was born in Kendallville on June 11, 1926 and was the daughter of William and Bertha (Schenher) Marti. She lived all of her life in the Avilla community.

She graduated from Avilla High School in 1944 as the valedictorian of her class. On May 7, 1947 she married John W. Ley at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville. He died on March 29, 1999. They were married for 52 years.

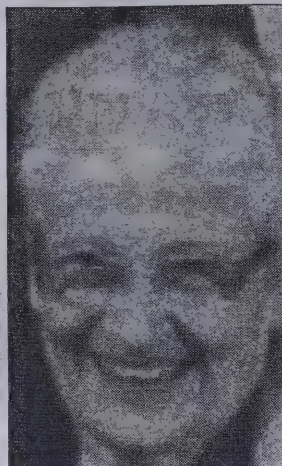
While working for Birkmeier monument company of Delphos, Ohio, she and her late husband began John Ley Monuments on south Main street in Avilla in 1968. In 1979 they branched out on their own and started to purchase their own granite. The following year they built their own shop and began doing their own lettering on cemetery monuments. With their business expanding, in 1984 they erected a new building in the Avilla Industrial Park on the east side of town. The Ley's were known for excellent workmanship.

Margaret retired in 2001 and sold the business to her son, Anthony and his wife Regina, which they continue to operate.

Mrs. Ley attended and was very active with the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla, where she was a member of the Rosary Society. She was a member of the Association of Franciscan Sister's of Sacred Heart, the Secular Franciscan Order, and was a lifetime member of the Avilla American Legion Post 240 Women's Auxilliary.

She devoted her life to God, to her family, and is now at peace with her husband and her children.

Surviving are her children Lawrence E. (Suzy) Ley of Hideaway, Texas; Philip (Lisa) Ley of Avilla; daughter, Rita Eagleson and Carl Ramcke of Naperville, Illinois; Leo (Linda) Ley of Naperville, Illinois; Giles (Carla) Ley of Avilla; Vincent Ley of Williamsburg, Kansas; Robert (Kimberly) Ley of Avilla; Anthony "Tony" (Regina) Ley of Avilla; Urban (Tina) Ley of Avilla.



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There is nothing that Margaret loved more than her grandchildren and great grandchildren, Sarah Housholder, Susan Nevil, Jennifer Ley, Ashley Kline, Blake Williams, Rebecca Ley, Rachel Ley, Colten Williams, Angela Eagleson, Terri Godwin, Erin Ley, Devon Ley, Kaleigh Didion, A.J. Ley, Kimberly Knappe, Jessica Pierce, David Ley, Elizabeth Ley, Zachary VanWinkle, Megan Ley, Valerie Ley, Katie Ley, Samantha Ley, Cody Ley, and Mitchell Ley. Great grandchildren, Jessica Day, Dakota Nevil, Joey Day, Nicholas Nevil, Jerod Day, Tyler Nevil, Kirstin Nevil, John Housholder, Bailey Kerzman, Claire Allman, Kenzi Schmidt, Rylee Schmidt, Ben Godwin, Damon Pierce, Jayden Pierce.

Also surviving are her sisters, Eleanor Harding of Avilla; Ann Helmkamp of Auburn; LaVon Skinker of San Diego, California; Joan Cook of Sun City, Arizona.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, and two children, David Ley and Marianne Ley, one grandson, Dalton Ley, and two brothers, Thomas Marti and Charles Marti.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Thursday, November 18, 2010 at 10:00 AM at the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla. Father Edward Erpelding will celebrate the Mass.

Visitation will be on Wednesday, from 2:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel. There will be an additional hour of visitation at the church before the Mass.

A Rosary service will be recited at 8:00 PM on Wednesday at the funeral home.

Burial will follow at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla. Serving as pallbearers will be David Ley, Joey Day, Cody Ley, Devon Ley, Mitchell Ley, Jerod Day, Tyler Nevil, Colten Williams and A.J. Ley.

Memorials may be made to St. Mary's Catholic School endowment fund.

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### **Robert Clarence Voirol, 84**

Albion - Robert Clarence Voirol, age 84, died Friday, November 12, 2010 at 1:10 a.m. at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born on October 20, 1926 in Monroeville, Indiana and was the son of Edward and Louise (Lamblin) Voirol. He lived most of his life in Albion, but also spent some time living in New Haven.

Mr. Voirol was a foreman at International Harvester, and retired from there in April of 1974. He married Mary Joan Curtis in Kentucky on January 9, 1949. She preceded him in death in 2007.

He was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion, and served his country in the United States Marine Corp. Mr. Voirol was a member of the American Legion Post 246 in Albion, a member of 40 & 8, where he was a past State Commander, and also a member of the Albion Eagles F.O.E. #2455.

Surviving are his daughters and their husbands; Corinne and Galen Gillenwater of Albion, and Roberta and Grant Merriman of Albion; five grandchildren, Jeff Gillenwater, Sandy Sell, Keith Gillenwater, Melissa McDonald, and Mike Merriman; five great grandchildren; a sister, Betty Fiedler of Fort Wayne and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, Mary Joan, four brothers and five sisters.

Funeral services for Mr. Voirol were Tuesday, November 16, 2010 at Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion, with Rev. Bret Frymier officiating.

Burial followed the funeral at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Memorials may be made to the Asbury United Methodist Church.

Please go to [brazzellfuneralhome.com](http://brazzellfuneralhome.com) to send online condolences.

### **Damian Wirick, 32**

Damian Wirick, age 32, of Cromwell, IN passed away unexpectedly Friday, November 12, 2010 at his residence.

Damian was born on March 26, 1978 to Thomas & Shelby (Woods) Wirick in Goshen, IN. He was a lifetime area resident and was also an avid Nascar fan.

He is survived by his four children, Gwennith, Devin, Tyler and Amber; his mother, Shelby Enstlinger of West Virginia; paternal grandparents, Charles & Virginia Wirick of Howe, IN; maternal grandmother, Ruby Geyer of Maumee, OH; and special friend, Jennifer Thurman of Cromwell, IN. He was preceded in death by his father; one brother, Michael and his maternal grandfather.

No public services are planned at this time. Contributions are to the charity of the donor's choice.



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## **Frank Joseph Herzog, 93**

Frank Joseph Herzog, age 93, died on Tuesday, November 9, 2010 at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born on July 15, 1917 in Anderson, Indiana and was the son of Frank and Anna (Mayer) Herzog. He and his family lived at Big Long Lake for 70 years and for the past 6 years he had lived at St. Anne's Nursing Home in Fort Wayne.

In October of 1966 he married Lucille Rebecca Yates. She survives in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Herzog was a Brewer for 45 years at Berghoff & Falstaff Brewery. He served his country in the United States Navy during WWII, and was a 61 year member of the American Legion Post in Orland, Indiana. He was also a member of St. Mary's of the Angels Catholic Church in Big Long Lake. He enjoyed gardening and collected stamps and coins.

Surviving are his wife of 44 years, Lucille Herzog; two sons and daughters-in-law, James Milan (Patricia) Herzog of Lancaster, Ohio and Frank Robert (Margaret) Herzog of Huntington, Indiana; 10 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren, and a nephew, Gene Kohn.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a step-son, William Daniel Miller on December 24, 2005, and a sister, Frieda Kohn.

Mass of Christian Burial was on Friday, November 12, 2010 at St. Anne's Nursing Home Chapel in Fort Wayne.

Graveside service was held at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla. The Avilla American Legion Post 240 conducted Military Rites.

Memorials may be made to St. Anne's Nursing Home.

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**Leontine Godfrey, 82**

Albion - Leontine "Red" Godfrey, age 82, died Friday, November 12, 2010 at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

She was born on May 7, 1928 in Welsh, Louisiana and was the daughter of Joseph and Sedonie (Landry) Allemand.

She came to the Albion area more than 30 years ago, coming from Louisiana.

Mrs. Godfrey was a homemaker for her life's work. She was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother who loved cooking for her family. She enjoyed quilting, and spending special time with her grandchildren.

Surviving are a son, William "Bill" Godfrey, of Albion; Daughters Ellen (Neal) Wolfe of Skinner Lake, Patricia Staton of Albion, and Linda (Hewitt) Chaisson of Pine Island, Louisiana; seven grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Fred Godfrey, on May 5, 1987, a grandson, Anthony "Tony" Staton, four brothers, and four sisters.

Memorial calling will be on Wednesday November 17, 2010 from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

Cremation will take place and final resting will take place at a later date in Louisiana.

**The Rev.  
W. Gene Schwenk**

FORT WAYNE — The Rev. W. Gene Schwenk, 73, died Monday, Nov. 15, 2010, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Rev. Schwenk was a native of Owensboro, Ky.

He pastored for more than 25 years in various local churches in Iowa and Indiana.



**Rev. Schwenk**

He started the Roanoke Baptist Church, Faith Baptist Church in Iowa, and ministered at the Aboite Baptist Church in Fort Wayne for 10 years. He has been on the Deacon board at the Lakewood Park Baptist Church in Auburn for many years.

After his retirement from the ministry, he and his wife owned and operated Kids at Play Daycare for more than 20 years.

Surviving are his wife, Betty Schwenk of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Sara (Richard) Hathaway of Auburn and Sandy (Dennis) Moughler of Butler; a son, Pat (Ruth) Schwenk of Toledo, Ohio; a brother, Richard (Nancy) Schwenk of Terre Haute; a sister, Patsy (Ron) Metzger of Elk River, Minn.; and 10 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Arnold and Ruth Schwenk, and an infant daughter, Sherry Schwenk.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Lakewood Park Baptist Church, 5555 C.R. 29, with the Rev. Clare Jewel officiating. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at D.O. McComb and Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road, and one hour prior to the services Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to the Deacon Fund at Lakewood Park Baptist Church.

To sign the online guest book, go to [mccombandsons.com](http://mccombandsons.com).

**Jack Hart**

**Mar. 31, 1928 - Oct. 29, 2010**

*Our family would like to thank everyone who helped us through this trying time, the passing of our loved one.*

*You may have sent food, a memorial, flowers, a card or just gave us the support we needed.*

*Thanks to the doctors, nurses, and technicians of Parkview Noble and Parkview Ft. Wayne for their care.*

*A special thank you to Pastor Jim Barnes for a beautiful memorial service.*

*Joy Hart, Dixie and Jim Brown, Ray Hart, Luella Campbell, Jaclyn Bender and family, Adam Hart and Olyvia, Nicholas Hart and Nixon, Nathan Brown, Vicki Campbell and family, Venessa Perkins and family.*

**Lola Horton**

MIDDLEBURY — Lola E. Horton, 95, of Middlebury died Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2010, at Maples at Waterford Crossing in Goshen.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Lapeer Church of the Nazarene in Lapeer, Mich. Burial will be in Mt. Hope Cemetery in Lapeer.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. today at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury and from 1-2 p.m. Friday at the church.

Memorials are to the Elkhart County Humane Society.



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**Roeine Miller**

AUBURN — Roeine M. Miller, 90, of Auburn died Tuesday, November 16, 2010 at her home in Auburn. Born March 16, 1920, in Auburn, she was the daughter of the late Harry and Molly Garman.



**Mrs. Miller**

She was a graduate of Auburn High School and Indiana University, Bloomington.

She was a corporate accountant for Rieke Corp. and had also worked at Borg Warner.

She was a member of First United Methodist Church, Auburn, Ladies Auxiliary of American Legion Post 97, Wesleyan Circle and the Auburn Women's Club.

She was an avid golfer in the surrounding area and had golf memberships at Greenhurst and Garrett Country Clubs for many years.

She is survived by a sister, Naoma Heitz of Auburn; several nieces and nephews; and a caretaker, David Johnston of Corunna.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday with calling one hour prior at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, with the Rev. Ted Jansen officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the First United Methodist Church, Auburn.

To sign the online guest book, visit [www.pinnington-mccomb.com](http://www.pinnington-mccomb.com)

**Jayne Page**

INDIANAPOLIS — Jayne A. Page, 92, of Indianapolis died Thursday, Nov. 11, 2010.

Mrs. Page and her husband "Buck" and their three children resided in Angola for 15 years before moving to Indianapolis.

She was affiliated with the Greenwood Christian Women's Prayer Group, Psi Iota Xi, and Pi Beta Phi Mothers' Club.

Surviving are her three children, Bonnie Page MacFadyen of Maryland, Dr. Gary Page of Bloomington, and Dixie Page Herrington of Pennsylvania; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Burton L. "Buck" Page, and three siblings.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday in the Pitman-Richman Funeral Home, 200 S. Hartford St., Eaton, Ind. Burial will be at Union Cemetery in Eaton.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until services on Saturday.

Memorials are to Greenwood Christian Church, 2045 Averitt Road., Greenwood, IN 46143

**Ronald Weiss**

CORUNNA — Ronald J. Weiss, 53, of Corunna died Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2010.

Arrangements are pending at Johnson Funeral Home, 612 N. Main St., Hudson.

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### **Yvonne Jones**

**KIMMELL** — Yvonne “Bonnie” Jones, 72, of Kimmell died unexpectedly at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 17, 2010, at her residence of natural causes.

She had moved to the area in the 1950s from Kentucky.

Mrs. Jones was a dedicated homemaker.

She had a special love for the Lord and enjoyed spending time with her family and friends. She also enjoyed talking on the phone with her family and friends when they could not be together.

She was born November 29, 1927, in Yellow Mountain, Ky., to Floyd and Lida (Conley) Wallen. She married Raymond Jones on April 23, 1969. He preceded her in death on May 3, 2004.

Surviving are four children, Gary L. Hicks of Kendallville, Ind., Harold D. Hicks of Grassrange, Mont., Larry K. and Melissa Hicks of Ligonier, Ind., and Jalinda K. Jones of Cromwell, Ind.; eight grandchildren, Aimee, Jessica, Joleen, Dustin, Lacy, Kayla, Bethany and Brandon; seven great-grandchildren; two sisters, Ann (Ed) Perkins of Kendallville and Hadney Clevenger of Ligonier; and a brother, Cordus Wallen of Rome City, Ind.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; two infant children; three sisters, Maxine Wallen, Beatrice Bailey and Jan Sawyer; and two brothers, Corgy Wallen and Burly Wallen.



**Mrs. Jones**

### **Mary Yoder**

**MIDDLEBURY** — Mary Sue Yoder, 62, of Middlebury died Thursday, Nov. 18, 2010, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Visitation will be all day today at the Howard Yoder residence, 59162 C.R. 43, Middlebury.

Funeral services will be at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the Howard Yoder residence. Burial will be in Bontrager Cemetery, Middlebury.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

### **Jayne Page**

**INDIANAPOLIS** — Jayne A. Page, 92, of Indianapolis died Thursday, Nov. 11, 2010.

Mrs. Page and her husband “Buck” and their three children resided in Angola for 15 years before moving to Indianapolis.

She was affiliated with the Greenwood Christian Women’s Prayer Group, Psi Iota Xi, and Pi Beta Phi Mothers’ Club.

Surviving are her three children, Bonnie Page MacFadyen of Maryland, Dr. Gary Page of Bloomington, and Dixie Page Herrington of Pennsylvania; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Burton L. “Buck” Page, and three siblings.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday in the Pitman-Richman Funeral Home, 200 S. Hartford St., Eaton, Ind. Burial will be at Union Cemetery in Eaton.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until services on Saturday.

Memorials are to Eaton First Church of God, 700 E. Harris St., Eaton, IN 47338.

Visitation will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday, November 21, 2010, at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, Ind.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Yeager Funeral Home with Pastor Jimmy Shepherd of Shilo Baptist Church in Ligonier officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell, Ind.

Memorials are to the family.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.yeagerfuneralhome.com](http://www.yeagerfuneralhome.com).

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**Catherine Flegal**

EDGERTON, Ohio — Catherine E. Flegal, 96, of Edgerton died Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2010, at Park View Nursing Center in Edgerton, where she was a resident.



Mrs. Flegal was a 1931

graduate of Edgerton High School and then graduated from St. Rita's Nursing School in 1935 as a registered nurse. During her nursing career, she worked at Elmhurst Hospital in Angola, Ind., and at Bryan Hospital in Bryan, Ohio.

She was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church in Edgerton, the Rosary Altar Society, and St. Rita's Nursing School Alumni Association.

She was born April 1, 1914, to Frank X. and Catherine. (Coressel) Pahl. She married Ralph J. Flegal on June 18, 1938, in Edgerton and he preceded her in death on May 20, 1967.

Surviving are two daughters, Martha Jane "Janie" (Marvin) Dietsch of Edgerton and Cheryl Ann (Don) Bailey, of Lake Tahoe, Calif.; four sons, Thomas Flegal, of Eugene, Ore., John (Pamela) Flegal of Steamboat Springs, Colo., Alan Flegal of Angola, Ind., and Paul (Terri) Flegal of Fort Wayne, Ind.; 15 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. She was also preceded in death by one grandson, David Dietsch, four brothers and four sisters.

**Mrs. Flegal**

Visitation will be from 3-7 p.m. Sunday at Krill Funeral Home in Edgerton and one hour prior to the services Monday at the church. A Scripture service will be at 7 p.m. Sunday in the funeral home.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday in St. Mary Catholic Church, Edgerton, with the Rev. Stephen Schroeder officiating. Interment will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola, Ind.

Memorials are to St. Mary Church or Community Health Professionals of Williams and Fulton Counties Hospice Care.

Condolences may be sent to and the online register may be signed at [www.krillfuneralservice.com](http://www.krillfuneralservice.com)

**John Weldy Jr.**

LIGONIER — John Carl Weldy Jr., 73, of Ligonier, died Friday, Nov. 12, 2010, at his home.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Monday at Olive West Cemetery, Wakarusa.

Friends may gather at 1:30 p.m. Monday at Yoder-Culp Funeral Home, Goshen, to proceed to the cemetery.

**Ronald Weiss**

CORUNNA — Graveside services for Ronald J. Weiss will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Marion National Cemetery in Marion, Ind.

Mr. Weiss, 53, of Corunna died Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2010.

Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

**Josephine Herendeen**

KENDALLVILLE — Josephine Mae Herendeen, 88, of Kendallville, died on Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2010 at the Kendallville Manor

Health Care Center.

Services will be held Monday at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville, at 11 a.m., the Rev. Leon Pomeroy of Faith United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling is Monday at the funeral home, 9-11 a.m.

Memorials may be made to Noble County Humane Shelter or Faith Methodist Helping Hands.



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**Lois Kruger**

THE VILLAGES, Fla. — Lois (Bender) Kruger, 69, of The Villages, Fla., died of complications from Parkinson's disease at 5:52 p.m. Monday, Nov. 15, 2010, at The Villages Regional Hospital, The Villages, Fla., surrounded by her family.

She was born June 27, 1941, to Milan R. and Vera E. Johnston of Findlay, Ohio.

Lois graduated from Findlay High School and from Fort Wayne International Business College.

She married Richard Bender on November 24, 1964 in Angola, Ind. He passed away February 14, 1995. Lois married Rolland Kruger on Dec. 23, 1997, and he survives in The Villages, Fla.

Lois worked more than 40 years in the banking industry and had won awards for her professionalism and customer service-oriented attitude. Before her disease set in, she reveled in visits with family and friends; was an avid knitter and crocheter; learned about computers; researched the family's genealogical history and networked with distant relatives; enjoyed traveling, reading, and Sudoku; and took special delight in the family dogs, Mr. Jiggs and Miss Kibbles.

Other survivors are her four children: Anna (Chris) Ferraraccio of Clarksville, Tenn.; Jacqueline (Bob) Bender-Hillier of Ocala, Fla.; Douglas (Lisa) Bender of Kendallville, Ind.; and Thomas (Julie) Bender of Hendersonville, Tenn.; four stepchildren from her previous marriage to Richard Bender, Judy Bender of Kendallville,

Ind., Linda (Jerry) Young of Kendallville, Ind., Jerry (Nona) Bender of Kendallville, Ind., and Jeff (Sue) Bender of Kendallville, Ind.; three stepchildren from her current marriage to Rolland Kruger, Kevin (Annette) Kruger of Alpharetta, Ga., Parrish (Teri) Kruger of Wolf Lake, Ind., and Nola (Doug) Morris of Fort Wayne, Ind.; four siblings, Naomi (Dennis) Chaney of Findlay, Ohio, Pauline (George) Milligan of Findlay, Ohio, Eldon (Karen) Johnston of Westerville, Ohio, and Janice Johnston of Findlay, Ohio; six grandchildren, Dustin and Desiree Hillier and Michael and Max Bender of Kendallville, Ind., and Joshua and Adeline Bender of Hendersonville, Tenn.

A memorial service will take place on November 30, 2010, at 1 p.m. at Trinity Church United Methodist, 229 S. State St., Kendallville, Ind.

Memorial donations can be made to the National Parkinson's Foundation @ [www.parkinsons.org](http://www.parkinsons.org) or to Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville, Ind.

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**Josephine Herendeen**

**KENDALLVILLE —** Josephine Mae Herendeen, age 88, a lifelong resident of Kendallville, died on Wednesday, November 17, 2010, at the Kendallville Manor Health Care Center.

Mrs. Herendeen was born in Kendallville, Indiana, on February 2, 1922, to the late William A. and Zella Mae (Hunt) Kurtz.

Josephine graduated from Kendallville High School in 1940 and married her high school sweetheart, Ervin Eugene Herendeen. They were married almost 69 years ago this coming December 24, 1941, at the church parsonage in Brimfield.

She was a homemaker and mother of three sons early on in her life and at the age of 52 she decided to go back to school and become a registered nurse. Josephine graduated from Indiana University-Purdue University in 1974 with an nursing degree.

She then went on to work as an registered nurse for 13 years with Dr. Carl Stallman and 10 years with Dr. John Ramsay.

She was a faithful 68-year member of the Faith United Methodist Church in Kendallville where she was a member of the Naomi Circle. Before that she belonged to the Oak Grove Church north of Kendallville for 19 years.



**Mrs.  
Herendeen**

Josephine was a past member of Business and Professional Womens Club.

Josephine enjoyed camping and taking in the sights and sounds of Bixler Lake.

She enjoyed gardening and raising her flowers.

She was a very good cook and enjoyed fixing meals for family and other guests and she made beautiful Christmas cookies.

Survivors include her husband of 68 years, Ervin Herendeen of Kendallville; three sons and daughters-in-law, Eugene A. and Wanda Herendeen of Columbia City, Steven J. and Linda Herendeen of Kendallville and David R. Herendeen of Cleveland, Ohio; seven grandchildren, Eric

Herendeen and Ryan Herendeen, both of Columbia City, Sara England of Warsaw, John Herendeen of Clyde, Ohio, Carijane Williams of Indianapolis, and Dustin Herendeen and Amber Herendeen of Los Angeles, California; one stepgrandchild, Mandy; three great-grandchildren; and a sister-in-law, Mildred Kane of Sarasota, Florida.

She was also preceded in death by her brother, Theron Kurtz, and her sister, Vera Foor.

Visitation will be Monday, November 22, 2010, from 9-11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St. in Kendallville with the funeral service at 11 a.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Officiating the funeral service will be Rev. Leon Pomeroy from Faith United Methodist Church.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Preferred memorials may be made to Noble County Humane Shelter or Faith Methodist Helping Hands.

Send a condolence to the family at [www.hitefuneralhome.com](http://www.hitefuneralhome.com)

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**Stiffney Marilou**

GOSHEN — Stiffney Marilou, 87, died November 19, 2010, at Greencroft Healthcare Center, Goshen.

Burial will be at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion.

Services will be at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at The Gathering Room, with Pastoral Assistant Pamela Kling officiating.

Visitation is Tuesday from 3:30-8 p.m. at The Gathering Room, Evergreen Place, Greencroft, Goshen.

Memorials may be made to Greencroft Foundation, 1721 Greencroft Blvd, Goshen, IN 46526 or Ten Sleep Baptist Church, PO Box 339, Ten Sleep, WY, 82442.

Yoder Culp Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

**Verna Turnpaugh**

COLDWATER, Mich. — Verna Turnpaugh, 83, of Coldwater died Thursday, Nov. 19, 2010, at her home.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Lakeview Cemetery at Quincy, Mich.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. Sunday at the George White Funeral Home in Quincy.

Memorials are to Oaklawn Hospice of Marshall, Mich.

**Susan Maeax**

LAGRANGE — Susan Maeax, 85, of LaGrange died Thursday, Nov. 18, 2010 at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Mrs. Maeax had moved to the LaGrange area in 1977 from Chicago.

She was a homemaker and a member of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church in LaGrange.

Mrs. Maeax was born on Nov. 14, 1925, in Chicago to Martin and Anna (Habarda) Buncak. She married Felix W. Maeax on Aug. 17, 1963, in South Bend. He preceded her in death on April 28, 1998.

Surviving are several nieces and nephews and many friends in the LaGrange community.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, two sisters and three brothers.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, with the Rev. Sandra Hutchens officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Visitation will be from 2-5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Mt. Zion Lutheran Church.

Online condolences may be sent to [www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com](http://www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com)



**Mrs. Maeax**

**Nettie Yoder**

TOPEKA — Nettie Yoder, 78, of Topeka, died at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, November 19, 2010, at her home.

Funeral services will be at 9:30 a.m. on Monday at the Ray Schlabach residence, 3680 S. 950 W. Topeka. Services will be conducted by the home ministers. Burial will be in Hawpatch Cemetery, Topeka.

Visitation will be after 1:00 p.m. today and all day Sunday at the home, 9360 W. 400 S., Topeka.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



# He wrote the book on refrigerators

George Bently,  
103, was devoted  
engineer, citizen

**BY DENNIS NARTKER**  
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KENDALLVILLE — His life spanning the 20th century gave him a grand perspective on the technological advances that characterized that time in history.

The inventions that we now take for granted such as the automobile, airplane, electricity in our homes and the radio were new and exciting discoveries, and he actively participated in this modern technology.

He held 12 patents in the field of commercial refrigeration. Many of his designs, including the upright cases in supermarkets that display frozen food at eye level (without doors), are still in use today.

George K. Bently of Fort Wayne, formerly of Kendallville, died Oct. 29, 2010, at The Towne House Health Center. He was 103 years old, lived a successful, rewarding life as a Christian, a husband, a father, a Purdue University graduate and a community-minded citizen.

From an early age, his interest in how things worked was obvious. He was a gifted mathematician and loved to read. He could perform complex numerical calculations in his mind. He worked on Model T automobiles and built radios. He built a home-brew radio and asked his father to put the radio's headphones to his ear. His father could not believe he was hearing a broadcast from far away. He powered his radios with batteries because the Bently home, like most homes in rural America, would not have electricity for decades, according to his son, Bill.

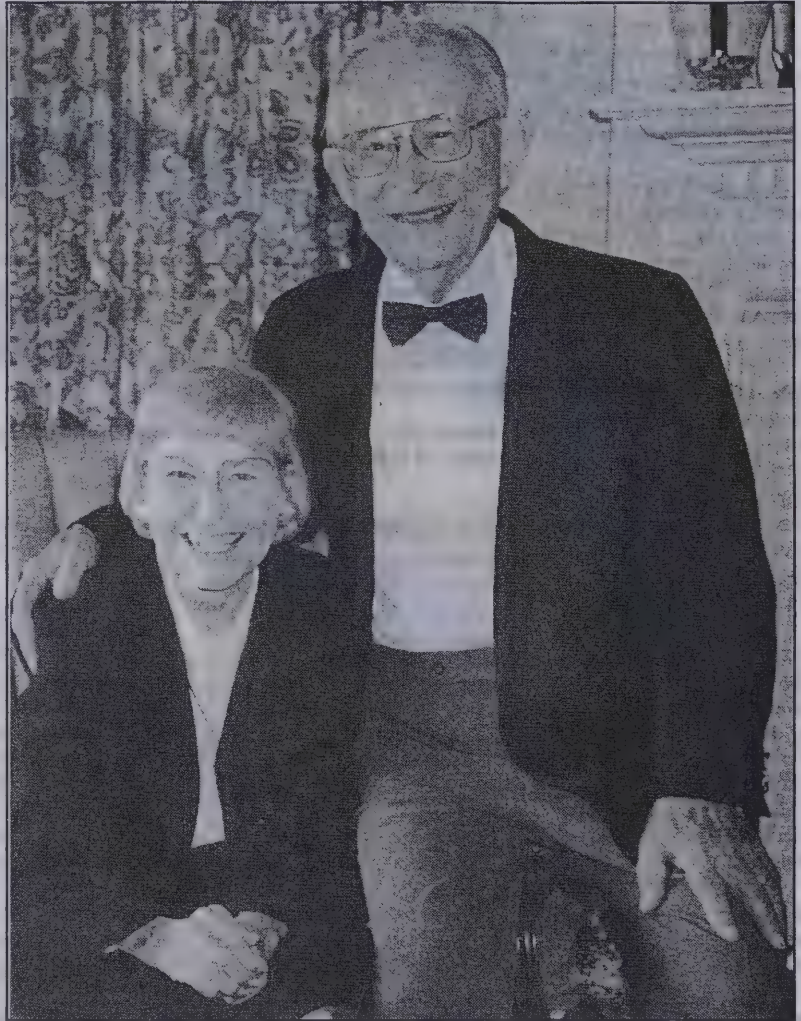


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**George and Orpha Jean Bently**

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Mr. Bently's parents, Joseph and Anna Bently, encouraged him in his school studies.

Mr. Bently skipped two grades, graduating from Valparaiso High School at age 16, and for several years worked on the family farm and at a local department store to save money for college. He attended Purdue University, served as president of the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity and graduated in 1933 with a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering.

Work was hard to find during the Great Depression even for a college graduate, but eventually Mr. Bently moved to Kendallville and accepted an engineering position at McCray Refrigerator Co., Inc. He advanced to the position of director of product research and development, and in 1954 became vice president in charge of engineering.

"Dad was a devoted researcher and designer," said Bill Bently. Mr. Bently was a life member of the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air Conditioning

Engineers, and wrote the chapter on commercial refrigerators included in several editions of its "Refrigeration Data Book" when it was the American Society of Refrigerating Engineers.

Mr. Bently was a Christian man. He met Orpha Jean Preston while attending the First Presbyterian Church in Kendallville. They were married on Nov. 24, 1938, and had two sons. He served the church as a trustee, deacon, elder, clerk of session and building fund treasurer.

His wife survives at the Towne House in Fort Wayne, where they moved after Mr. Bently retired from McCray Refrigerator Co. They loved their home on Park Avenue across from Bixler Lake Park. Kathy Young of Kendallville, a friend of the Bentlys, frequently visited them at The Towne House. She remembered how Orpha Jean was having a difficult time adjusting to selling their home for the move to Fort Wayne.

George took a photo of the park from the window over their kitchen sink and had it enlarged, Young recalled. He placed it on the wall above their kitchen sink at the Towne House.

"Orpha Jean loved it, and she could feel she was still in Kendallville. This was such a loving gesture on George's part. When I visited them, Orpha Jean always had to show

me the park," Young said.

George Witwer was one of the Bentlys' longtime Park Avenue neighbors.

"He was the most genuinely polite and courteous man I have ever known," Witwer said. "He was a wonderful neighbor, and a man profoundly at peace with himself."

Mr. Bently was actively involved in the Kendallville community. He was a member of the Kendallville Lions Club and the Kendallville Elks Club. He served on the First Federal Savings and Loan board of directors for more 25 years, and the Kendallville Public Library board of directors for almost 19 years. He was president of the library board when the library was built at 126 W. Rush St. in 1968.

"One of my father's happiest moments late in his life was when he visited Kendallville's beautiful new library overlooking Bixler Lake," said Bill Bently. The library is located behind the Bentlys' former house.

A few years ago, Mr. Bently became concerned about America's dependence on foreign oil and recognized the need to replace the internal combustion engine. In 2008 he wrote an essay proposing a solution based on steam. At the end of the essay, Mr. Bently wrote: "I can't help saying this: If I were young instead of being 100 years old, I'd like to work on it."



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**Rulon Daley**

KENDALLVILLE — Rulon H. Daley, 77, died Saturday, Nov. 20, 2010, at Lutheran Life Village in Kendallville.

He was born July 11, 1933, in Clifton, Idaho, to the late Ralph and Florence (Crossman) Daley.

Rulon worked at Foamex in Auburn for 18 years, retiring in 1998.

He was a Korean War Army Veteran, a UAW union leader and a member of the Waterloo Freewill Baptist Church.

He married Bertha Slone on Aug. 29, 1955, in Garrett, Ky., and she passed away Sept. 23, 2004.

He is survived by three sons, Larry Daley of Auburn, Ralph "David" Daley of Garrett and Leland Daley of Hamilton; three daughters, Brenda (Randy) Freeman of Mansfield, Ohio, Kathy (John) Bolen of Hudson and Lisa (Scott) Brown of Coldwater, Mich.; 17 grandchildren, five stepgrandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren; four brothers, Arlen (Monta) Daley of Othello, Wash., Leo (Bev) Daley of Westin, Idaho, Jerry Daley of Pocatello, Idaho and Ernest (Judy) Daley of Preston, Idaho; three sisters, Lavon (Del) Funk of Ogden, Utah, Twila (Bud) Seamens of Pocatello, Idaho and Viola (David) Hoadley of

Pocatello, Idaho.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, a daughter, Linda Daley, and three brothers, Richard, Robert and Searle Daley.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Waterloo Freewill Baptist Church with the Rev. Ron Stambaugh officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Monday from 2-8 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorials can be directed to Waterloo Freewill Baptist Church.

To view an obituary or send condolences, visit [fellerandclark.com](http://fellerandclark.com).

**Milton Latta**

KENDALLVILLE — Milton H. Latta, 81, of Branford, Fla., and Kendallville died Friday, Nov. 19, 2010, in Haven Hospice in Chiefland, Fla.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, S.R. 9 North, Wolcottville.

**Frederick Archer**

TAMPA BAY, Fla. — Fredrick Wayne Archer, 97, passed away Nov. 17, 2010, at John Knox Village, Tampa Bay, Fla.

Funeral services are being handled by the North Meadow Lawn Funeral Home.



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### **Karen Karnes**

HAMILTON — Karen Lee Karnes, 54, died Sunday, Nov. 21, 2010, at her home on Hamilton Lake.



**Mrs. Karnes**

Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass, it's about learning how to dance in the rain.

Karen was born July 8, 1956 in Corona, Calif. Her mother Loretta (Bisonette) Turner has passed away. Her father and stepmother, James and Donna Turner, survive in Fort Wayne.

She worked at Magnavox in Fort Wayne and also Dresser Wayne Inc. in Fremont. She was a member of the Waterloo Bunco Girls.

She married Duaine H Karnes on July 2, 1992, at their home on Hamilton Lake, and he survives.

She is also survived by two stepchildren and their spouses, Kelli and Tim Chiles of Galena, Ohio, and Gregory and Stephanie Karnes of Leesburg, Fla.; five grandchildren, Olivia Chiles, Luke Chiles, Sadi Karnes, Landon Karnes and Logan Duke Karnes; and a brother and sister-in-law, Richard and Karren Turner of Jackson, Miss.

She was preceded in death by her mother and a brother, Robert Turner.

A celebration of life service will take place at 11 a.m. Saturday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Douglas Karnes officiating.

### **Kenneth Marks**

KENDALLVILLE — Kenneth W. "Kenny" Marks, 87, formerly of Kendallville, died Saturday at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Services will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville. Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the funeral home Tuesday.

Memorials may be sent to the Disabled American Veterans.

### **Carol Harrell**

AVON PARK, Fla. — Carol Harrell, of Avon Park, Fla., and formerly of LaGrange, Ind., died Friday, Nov. 19, 2010, at her residence.

Arrangements are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange.

The family will receive friends from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday and from 10-11 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Per Karen's request, her body has been donated for cancer research.

Memorials may be directed to the I.U. Medical Center.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit [www.fellerandclark.com](http://www.fellerandclark.com).

### **Michael Lake**

SPENCERVILLE — Michael A. Lake, 68, of Spencerville, died Sunday, Nov. 21, 2010, at Visiting



**Mr. Lake**

Nurse and Hospice Home, with his family by his side.

He was born in Allen County on March 3, 1942, to the

late Virgil and Marjorie (Thompkins) Lake. He retired from Navistar in 1992 after 30 years of service, and enjoyed fishing, spending time with his grandchildren, and riding his four-wheeler.

He is survived by sons, Craig (Kim) Lake of Houston, Texas, and Chris (Sara) Lake of Albion; daughters, Angie Lake of Angola, and Stefanie (Brent) Malott of Avilla; and grandchildren, Connor, Breanna, Savanna, Grant, and Cole. Also surviving are brothers, David (Karen) Lake of Yoder, Steven (Cindy) Lake of Fort Wayne, and Terry (Arlene) Lake of Lake Tahoe, Nev., and sister Susan Ellison of Shreveport, La.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Donald Lake, and sister, Patsy Gregory.

Memorial services will be at 4 p.m. Wednesday at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 N. Wells St., Fort Wayne, with visitation one hour prior.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home. For online information, go to [www.sloanandsonsfuneralhome.com](http://www.sloanandsonsfuneralhome.com)

## AX: Woman says she intended to kill husband

# Woman admits to ax murder

BY AMY OBERLIN

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ANGOLA — An Angola woman calmly admitted to ax murdering her husband Monday morning.

Norma Jean Mote, 45, called 911 during the early morning hours of Dec. 18, 2009, after allegedly killing Kevin Conway Mote. She has been in Steuben County Jail since that day.

A plea agreement presented Monday in Steuben Superior Court calls for the minimum sentence under the charge of murder, 45 years. Her court-appointed attorney, Anthony Kraus, asked for sentencing within 30 days. Mote will be in court Dec. 20 at 8:30 a.m.

A jury trial had been set for next week, and that was called off.

When Mote entered the courtroom Monday morning, she wore a calm smile and waved at family members in the first row of the courtroom. She communicated silently with them a couple of times, mouthing words as she sat with the other orange-clad jail inmates.

Kraus and the Steuben County Prosecutor's Office proffered the plea agreement, and Judge William Fee took it under advise-

ment.

It calls for the minimum sentence in Indiana under the charge; the maximum is 65 years and up to a \$10,000 fine.

Fee briefly interviewed Mote to establish preliminary probable cause for her admission.

"You called 911 to report that you had just killed your husband with the ax?" Fee asked. Mote replied in the affirmative.

"When you struck Mr. Mote with the ax do you remember these incidents?" Fee continued. Mote said yes.

Fee then asked her if she intended to kill her husband. Again, Mote answered yes.

The crime allegedly occurred in the upstairs bedroom of the family's home in the 900 block of Fox Lake Road during the late hours of Dec. 17, 2009, or the early morning hours of Dec. 18, 2009.

As the hearing progressed, a couple of Mote's supporters began to cry; and Mote's eyes misted as she blew them kisses after they left the courtroom. Another woman who appeared to be in the courtroom specifically for the Mote hearing got up and quickly walked out after the proceedings ended.

Mote will meet with a Steuben County Probation Department officer prior to her sentencing to compile a presentence investigation report. The report covers her emotional, family and criminal background and will provide guidelines for Fee to use in determining whether to accept the plea bargain.

The agreement is fixed, calling for a \$1 fine and 45 years. If Fee does not accept the agreement as it stands, Mote's original not-guilty plea would be reinstated and another jury trial could be calendared.

If she is found guilty at the Dec. 20 hearing, Mote would be remanded to the Indiana Department of Corrections. With Indiana good time credit, she would be looking at 21 1/2 years behind bars.



Mote



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## Kenneth Marks

**KENDALLVILLE** — Kenneth William "Kenny" Marks, 87, formerly of Kendallville, died on Saturday, Nov. 20, 2010, at Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mr. Marks was born in Lansing, Michigan, on Feb. 16, 1923, to the late Virgil David and Eva Ethel (Rossman) Marks.

He served his country in the United States Army during World War II. Kenny was a lifetime member of the VFW Post 2749 and member of the American Legion Post 86, both in Kendallville.

He married Sheila O'Hara on May 23, 1946, and she preceded his death on Feb. 4, 2004.

Kenny was a truck driver for 41 years as a city route driver with Norwalk Truck Lines and over-the-road with Fruehauf Transportation. He retired Sept. 13, 1985.

His interests included his love of nature, woodworking, story-telling and having a sense of humor.

Survivors include two daughters, Juanita and Kenneth Smolinske of Kendallville and Patricia "Faye" and Gary Pulis of Auburn; a son, Patrick and Karen Marks of Calhoun, Ga.; six grandchildren, Seth and Deborah Smolinske of Kendallville, Thad and Jene Smolinske of Albion, Stan Loos III of Fort Wayne, Brianne and Dan Ash of Kendallville, Caitlin Hipskind of Auburn, and



**Mr. Marks**

Catherine Hipskind of Auburn; a stepgranddaughter, Renee Pulis of Benicia, Calif.; seven great-grandchildren, Hannah, Rachel, and Olivia Smolinske all of Kendallville, Zachary and Cody Smolinske of Albion, and Aubrey and Liam Stuller of Auburn; three stepgreat-grandchildren, Sierra, Alex and Lillian-Faye Pulis, all of Benicia; three sisters, Hilda Baird of LaGrange, Mildred Zollman of Tacoma, Wash., and Carol and Richard Wagner of Hometown; and a brother, Wayne and Gloria Marks of LaGrange.

He was also preceded in death by his brother, Keith Marks; and three sisters, Vivian Marks, Mary Lou Marks and Betty Jean Marks.

There will be a gathering for family and friends today, Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2010, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville.

A time to celebrate the life of Kenny will start at 1 p.m. today at Hite Funeral Home with military honors and flag folding ceremony provided by members of the VFW Post 2749 and American Legion Post 86, and active duty United States Army troops.

Preferred memorials may be made to Disabled American Veterans.

Send a condolence to the family at [www.hitefuneralhome.com](http://www.hitefuneralhome.com)

## Frederick Archer

**TAMPA, Fla.** — Fredrick Wayne Archer born August 15, 1913, passed away November 17, 2010, at John Knox Village, Tampa, Florida.



**Mr. Archer**

Wayne was born in Cromwell, Indiana, to Charles and Josephine, and was married to Frances Osborne in 1939.

They were married until her death in 2005.

Theirs was the best of marriages and bore two children, Mona Elaine, residing in Tampa and Edmond Delaine, now living in Dallas Texas, both of whom celebrate their wonderful upbringing and the love and devotion their parents had for each of them and for one another.

Wayne was of the Lutheran faith and was active in the Cromwell Masonic Lodge for many years.

He is survived by two of his sisters, Barbara Sue Hoover and Louise Smith, both of Indiana.

He was preceded in death by a third sister, Iris Goshorn.

He is also survived by two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Wayne and Frances are once again together and will forever be.

The family mourns his passing but celebrates their reunion.

North Meadowlawn Funeral Home in New Port Richey, Fla., [www.northmeadowlawnfuneral.com](http://www.northmeadowlawnfuneral.com) was in charge of arrangements.



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**Marilou Stiffney**

GOSHEN — Marilou Stiffney, 87, formerly of Albion, died November 19, 2010, at Greencroft Health-care Center, Goshen.

She was born at her family's farm home in Noble County on November 18, 1923, to Roy and

Lola (Scarlett) Rice. After graduating from Rome City High School, she worked as a stenographer and executive secretary at McCray Refrigeration in Kendallville.

On November 20, 1948, she married Robert Stiffney at her childhood home. Bob and Marilou raised their three sons in Albion where they were members of Trinity United Methodist Church.

She held various jobs including homemaker, school cook, and abstract researcher. Her passions were music; serving as church organist, traveling; family camping trips and visiting her son's ranch in Wyoming, and hospitality; hosting family/friends in her home and at church.

After her husband's death in 1992, she remained in Albion for five years and then moved to Greencroft in Goshen where she lived independently until a sudden illness this past July.

Marilou was a quiet and faithful servant of the Lord who had a meaningful impact on the lives she touched.



**Mrs. Stiffney**

She was preceded in death by her husband (1992) and two brothers; Max (2004) and Ronald (1981).

Surviving are three sons, Rick (Kathy) and Kirk (Susan) of Goshen and Mark (Betty Jo) of Ten Sleep, Wyo., seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Visitation is from 3:30-8 p.m., today, Tuesday, November 23, at The Gathering Room, Evergreen Place, Greencroft, Goshen.

At 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, November 24, burial will be at Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion. At 11:30 a.m., memorial services will follow at The Gathering Room, with Pastoral Assistant Pamela Kling officiating.

Memorials may be made to Greencroft Foundation, 1721 Greencroft Blvd., Goshen, IN 46526 or Ten Sleep Baptist Church, PO Box 339, Ten Sleep, WY 82442.

Yoder Culp Funeral Home in Goshen is handling the arrangements.

**Ruby Stopher**

LAGRANGE — Ruby Stopher, 83, of LaGrange, died, Monday, November 22, 2010, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

**Rosemarie Cook-Culbertson**

OKEECHOBEE, Fla. — Rosemarie Cook-Culbertson, 83, of Okeechobee and formerly of Auburn, Ind., died Tuesday, Nov. 9, 2010, at her residence.

A memorial service will be at 10 a.m., Friday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Al Black officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to a charity of the donor's choice.

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**Milton Latta**

**KENDALLVILLE —**  
Milton H. Latta, 81, of  
Branford, Fla., and Kendall-  
ville died  
Friday,  
November  
19, 2010, in  
Chiefland,  
Fla.

Mr. Latta  
had worked  
as a foundry  
molder.



**Mr. Latta**

He was a  
member of the First Church  
of God in Kendallville and  
McCall Chapel in Branford.  
He was also a member of  
the Eagles Lodge in  
Columbia City since 1985  
and a life member of the  
Moose Lodge in Auburn.

He was born Dec. 30,  
1928, in Clay Township,  
LaGrange County, to Harry  
C. and Zoria (Gooch) Latta.  
He married Dorothy Ella  
Fike on Sept. 12, 1954, in  
Noble County. She preceded  
him in death.

Surviving are a son and  
daughter-in-law, Phillip H.  
and Brenda Latta of Auburn;  
13 grandchildren; one great-  
grandchild; and his  
companion, Leona Friend of  
Branford, Fla., and Kendall-  
ville.

He was also preceded in  
death by a son, Milton  
Raymond "Ray" Latta.

Visitation will be from 2-  
4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday,  
Nov. 29, at Young Family  
Funeral Home, Wolcottville  
Chapel, S.R. 9 North,  
Wolcottville.

**Eric Garman**

**WOLCOTTVILLE —**  
Eric Scott Garman, 50, died  
Monday, Nov. 22, 2010, at  
his home.

Funeral services will be  
at 11 a.m. Saturday at Stroh  
Church of Christ.

Calling one hour prior to  
the service and from 3 to 8  
p.m. Friday at Johnson  
Funeral Home in Hudson.

Funeral services will be  
at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov.  
30, in Young Family Funeral  
Home, Wolcottville Chapel,  
with Pastor Jim Kane offici-  
ating. Burial will be in  
Greenwood Cemetery,  
LaGrange.

Memorials are to the  
LaGrange County Food  
Bank.

Condolences may be sent  
to the family at  
[www.youngfamilyfuneralho  
me.com](http://www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com)

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### Ruby Stopher

LAGRANGE — Ruby Stopher, loving mother, wife and grandmother, 83, of LaGrange, Ind., died unexpectedly on Monday, November 22, 2010, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Mrs. Stopher was born on November 21, 1927, in Kalona, Iowa, to John W. and Elizabeth (Miller) Miller.

Mrs. Stopher moved in 1935 from Kalona, Iowa, to LaGrange, Ind.

On October 23, 1948, in Shipshewana, Ind., she married Wayne Stopher. He survives in LaGrange.

Together she and her husband, Wayne, owned Stopher Studio from 1957-1994.

A longtime member of Shore Mennonite Church in Shipshewana, Ind., she was active in the ladies sewing group at the church. An avid quilter, she delighted in creating quilts for family and friends.

Also surviving are four daughters and three sons-in-law, Kathleen and Rodney Snider of LaGrange, Sheila S. and Myron Yoder of Middlebury, Ind., Regina and Woody Driver of Harrisonburg, Va., and Yvonne Stopher of Silver Lake, Ind.; a son, Timothy W. Stopher of Warsaw, Ind.; eight grandchildren; a sister, Darlene Miller of Sarasota, Fla.; and a brother, Guy Miller of Sarasota, Fla.

She was preceded in death by her parents, four sisters, and three brothers.



**Mrs. Stopher**

### Carol Harrel

LAGRANGE — Carol Grove Harrel, 68, of Avon Park, Florida, and formerly of Stroh, passed away Friday, November 19, 2010, at her home.

She was born August 12, 1942, in DeKalb County to Gordon and Violet (Emerick) Elkins, who preceded her in death.

She was an active member of the VFW and American Legion Posts.



**Mrs. Harrel**

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, November 28, 2010, at Shore Mennonite Church, 7235 W.C.R. 100N, Shipshewana, Ind., with the Rev. Carl Horner officiating.

Burial will be in Shore Cemetery in Shipshewana, Ind.

Visitation will be on Friday, November 26, from 3-6 p.m. and Saturday, November 27, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, Ind.

Memorials may be made to Cardinal Services, attn.: Candy Townsend, 504 N. Bay Drive, Warsaw, IN 46580, or Ronald McDonald House of Indiana, 435 Limestone St., Indianapolis, IN 46202.

Condolences may be left for the family at [www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com](http://www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com).

She was known for her excellent cooking and huge heart. She will be deeply missed by all she touched.

She married Phil Grove on January 14, 1980. He preceded her in death on July 21, 2004. She then married Wayne Harrell of Knoxville, Tenn. He survives in Avon Park.

Also surviving are a brother, Robert and Mo Day of Sebring, Fla.; two daughters, Vicki Basham of Avon Park, Fla., and Cindy and John Watkins of Angola, Ind.; two stepsons, Bill Grove of Angola, Ind., and Keith and Leslie Harrel of Knoxville, Tenn.; four stepdaughters, Kieata Menster of Angola, Vianna and Terry Elkins of Angola, Cindy and Mike Weed of Sebring, Fla., and Melissa Harrell of Sebring, Fla.; 12 grandchildren, Mitch Everage, Abby Miller, Melissa Zeeb, Fallan Green, Krystal Menster, Austin and Terris Elkins, Deven, Kendall and Ian Harrell, and Sadie and Michael Weed; and five great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Vernie Elkins; a grandson, Derek Everage; and a great-grandson.

Visitation will be Friday, November 26, 2010, from 4 to 8 p.m. at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange, Ind.

The funeral service will be Saturday, November 27, 2010, at 1 p.m. at the funeral home with the Pastor Russell Hepler officiating. Burial will be in Brighton Cemetery.

A celebration of Her life will be held immediately following the graveside serve at the American Legion in Angola, Ind.

A memorial service will be held in Florida at a later date.

Memorials may be given to the Good Shepherd Hospice, Sebring, Fla.



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### **Orpha Weller**

**GARRETT** — Orpha Marie Weller, 94, of Garrett, died Monday, Nov. 22, 2010, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

Mrs. Weller worked along side her husband, Floyd, on the family farm as well as worked for the Garrett Telephone Company, Montgomery Ward, and retired from Bryon Health Center in Fort Wayne.

She was born Nov. 12, 1916, to Perry and Ola (Bishop) Myers in rural Auburn. They preceded her in death.

On June 6, 1942, she married Floyd V. Weller. He preceded her in death on May 18, 1996.

In 1987, the Wellers received a Hoosier Homestead Plaque honoring their family for 100 years of continuous ownership of the farm.

Mrs. Weller was a member of the First Church of Christ in Garrett.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Larry and Judy Weller of Butler; Jerry and Alice Weller of Garrett, and Wayne and Lori Weller of Garrett; seven grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Bernice Schowe and Naomi Carnahan; and a brother, Milt Myers.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at First Church of Christ, 213 E. King St., Garrett, with visitation one hour prior. Brother Bud Owen will officiate. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery.

### **Eric Garman**

**WOLCOTTVILLE** — Eric Scott Garman, 50, of Wolcottville died Monday, Nov. 22, 2010, at his home.

Mr. Garman was a farmer.

He was a 1979 graduate of Prairie Heights High School.

He was born on Feb. 25, 1960, in Steuben County to Richard Sr. and Arlene (Kester) Garman. He married Karen J. Friesner on July 16, 2007. She survives.



**Mr. Garman**

Also surviving are two sons, Stephen B. Garman of Wolcottville and Brandon J Garman of Angola; a daughter and son-in-law, Erica A. and Clayton Barrows of LaGrange; a sister and brother-in-law, Cindy and Kevin Mory of Pleasant Lake; a brother and sister-in-law Richard Jr. and Karen Garman of Pleasant Lake; two stepchildren, Mark and Amanda Neff of Mottville, Mich., and Stacy and Jim Harbon of Marcellus, Mich.; and four stepgrandchildren

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Mark Garman; and a sister, Susan Garman.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Stroh Church of Christ with Mike Hamm officiating. Burial will be in Prince of Peace Cemetery at Hudson.

Visitation will be from 3-8 p.m. Friday at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson and at the church one hour prior to the service.

Memorials are to the Stroh Church of Christ or Parkview Hospice, Kendallville.

Send condolences online to [www.dalejohnsonfh.com](http://www.dalejohnsonfh.com).

### **Patricia Woodring**

**FREMONT** — Patricia Woodring, 80, of Fremont and formerly of Auburn died Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2010, at Northern Lakes Nursing Center in Angola.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Friday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials may be directed to First Church of Christ in Garrett, Miller's Merry Manor Activity Fund, or the Garrett Community Center.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit [www.fellerandclark.com](http://www.fellerandclark.com).

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**Lynette Parvu**

FORT WAYNE — Lynette Ann Parvu, 39, of Fort Wayne died Monday, Nov. 22, 2010, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

There will be no services.

Memorials are to Neurofibromatosis Inc., P.O. Box 66884 Chicago, IL 60666

Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett is in charge of arrangements.

**Joyce Miller**

ANGOLA — Joyce Anne Miller, 84, of Angola died Monday, Nov. 22, 2010, at her home.

Burial has taken place in Riverside Cemetery in Montpelier, Ohio.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Humane Society in Angola.

Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

**James Willits**

LAGRANGE — James David Willits, 49, of LaGrange died Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2010, at his residence.

Arrangements are pending at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange, Ind.

**Ronald Burke**

ST. CHARLES, MO. — Ronald Burke, 63, of St. Charles, Mo. died Nov. 22 at St. Joseph Health Center in St. Charles, Mo.

Visitation will be 9:30 am. to noon Nov. 26 at Pitman Funeral Home, 1545 Wentzville Parkway, Wentzville, Mo. with a noon funeral service there. Burial will be in the National Cemetery in Jefferson Barracks, Mo.

**Barbara McDonald**

LAGRANGE — Barbara E. McDonald, 81, of LaGrange, died Tuesday, Nov. 23 at Lifecare Center of LaGrange, LaGrange. Visitation will be held on Nov. 27, from 5-8 p.m. at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange. The funeral service will be held Nov. 28 at 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

**Anna Thimlar**

MELBOURNE, Fla. — Anna Belle Thimlar, 92, born in DeKalb County, Indiana, died Saturday, November 20, 2010, at her home in Melbourne, Florida.

Anna had moved to Florida full time, six years ago, after many years of snowbirding with her husband, Lester, between Indiana and Florida.

A loving wife, mother and grandmother, she enjoyed playing bingo, sewing and gardening, but her greatest enjoyment was her family.

Her family includes her children: Merlin (Delores) Thimlar of Seal Beach, Calif., Darrell (Patricia) Thimlar of Merritt Island, Fla., Karen (Michael) Hamman of Satellite Beach, Fla., Sharon (Steve) Taylor of Oak Park, Calif., and Steven (Angela) Thimlar of Butler, Ind.; 12 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Her husband of over 62 years, Lester C. Thimlar, preceded her in death.

A graveside service is planned for Anna in the spring at the Butler, Indiana, cemetery, where she will be interred with her husband.

Share memories and sign the family guestbook at [www.affuneral.com](http://www.affuneral.com).

Arrangements by South Brevard Funeral Home, Melbourne, Fla.

## **Jocelyn Rae Cole, infant**

Jocelyn Rae Cole, 68 days old, and the daughter of Jeffrey Ray and Joyce Ann (Manns) Cole, died Monday, November 15, 2010 at Parkview North Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Jocelyn was born premature on September 8, 2010 at Parkview North Hospital.

Surviving are her parents are Jeff and Joyce Cole both of Ligonier.

Grandparents are: Mackie and Pam Manns of Stroh and Phyllis Cole of Ligonier.

Great grandparents are: Laura Lewis of Moorhead, Kentucky and Lavenia Bolen of LaGrange.

She was preceded in death by her grandpa, Max Cole; and great grandparents, Eugene Lewis, James Manns, Jr., Homer and Edith Whitaker, and Raymond and Irene Cole.

Visitation will be Wednesday, November 17th, anytime after 4:00pm at the Shiloh Baptist Church, 709 Johnson Street in Ligonier.

Funeral services for Jocelyn will be held Thursday, November 18th, at 11:00am at the Shiloh Baptist Church with Rev. Jimmy Shepherd officiating.

Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville is handling the arrangements for the Cole family.

Send condolences to the family at [www.hitefuneralhome.com](http://www.hitefuneralhome.com).





## **Josephine Mae Herendeen, 88**

Josephine Mae Herendeen, age 88, lifelong resident of Kendallville, died on Wednesday, November 17, 2010 at the Kendallville Manor Health Care Center.

Mrs. Herendeen was born in Kendallville, Indiana on February 2, 1922 to the late William A. and Zella Mae (Hunt) Kurtz.

Josephine graduated from Kendallville High School in 1940 and married her high school sweetheart, Ervin Eugene Herendeen. They were married almost 69 years ago this coming December 24, 1941 at the church parsonage in Brimfield.

She was a homemaker and mother of three sons early on in her life and at the age of 52 she decided to go back to school and become a Registered Nurse. Josephine graduated from Indiana University-Purdue University in 1974 with an nursing degree.

She then went on to work as a registered nurse for 13 years with Dr. Carl Stallman and 10 years with Dr. John Ramsay.

She was a 68 year member of the Faith United Methodist Church in Kendallville where she was a member of the Naomi Circle. Before that she belonged to the Oak Grove Church, north of Kendallville, for 19 years.

Josephine was a past member of Business and Professional Womens Club.

Josephine enjoyed camping and taking in the sights and sounds of Bixler Lake.

She enjoyed gardening and raising her flowers.

She was a very good cook and enjoyed fixing meals for family and other guests and she made beautiful Christmas cookies.

Survivors include:

Her husband of 68 years, Ervin Herendeen of Kendallville.

Three sons and daughters-in-law, Eugene A. and Wanda Herendeen of Columbia City, Steven J. and Linda Herendeen



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of Kendallville, David R. Herendeen of Cleveland, Ohio; seven grandchildren, Eric Herendeen and Ryan Herendeen both of Columbia City, Sara England of Warsaw, John Herendeen of Clyde, Ohio, Carijane Williams of Indianapolis, Dustin Herendeen and Amber Herendeen of Los Angeles, California; a step-grandchild, Mandy; three great-grandchildren; and sister-in-law, Mildred Kane of Sarasota, Florida.

She was also preceded in death by her brother, Theron Kurtz; and her sister, Vera Foor.

Funeral services were Monday, November 22, 2010 at Hite Funeral Home, 403 South Main Street in Kendallville.

Officiating the funeral service was Rev. Leon Pomeroy from Faith United Methodist Church.

Burial was at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Preferred memorials may be made to Noble County Humane Shelter or Faith Methodist Helping Hands.

## **Yvonne Jones, 72**

Yvonne "Bonnie" Jones, 72, of Kimmell died unexpectedly, of natural causes, at her residence at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 17, 2010.

She had moved to the area in the 1950s from Kentucky. Mrs. Jones was a dedicated homemaker.

She had a special love for the Lord and enjoyed spending time with her family and friends. She also enjoyed talking on the phone with her family and friends when they could not be together.

She was born November 29, 1937, in Yellow Mountain, Ky., to Floyd and Lida (Conley) Wallen. She married Raymond Jones on April 23, 1969. He preceded her in death on May 3, 2004.

Surviving are four children, Gary L. Hicks of Kendallville, Ind., Harold D. Hicks of Grassrange, Mont., Larry K. and Melissa Hicks of Ligonier, Ind., and Jalinda K. Jones of Cromwell, Ind.; eight grandchildren, Aimee, Jessica, Joleen, Dustin, Lacy, Kayla, Bethany and Brandon; seven great-grandchildren; two sisters, Ann (Ed) Perkins of Kendallville and Hadney Clevenger of Ligonier; and a brother, Cordus Wallen of Rome City, Ind.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; two infant children; three sisters, Maxine Wallen, Beatrice Bailey and Jan Sawyer; and two brothers, Corgy Wallen and Burly Wallen.

Funeral services were Monday at Yeager Funeral Home with Pastor Jimmy Shepherd of Shilo Baptist Church in Ligonier officiating. Burial was in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell, Ind.

Memorials are to the family.

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### **Kenneth William Marks, 87**

Kenneth William "Kenny" Marks, age 87, formerly of Kendallville, died on Saturday, November 20, 2010 at Betz Nursing Home, Auburn, Indiana.

Mr. Marks was born in Lansing, Michigan on February 16, 1923 to the late Virgil David and Eva Ethel (Rossman) Marks.

He served his country in the United States Army during WWII.

Kenny was a lifetime member of the VFW Post #2749 and member of the American Legion Post #86 both in Kendallville.

He married Sheila O'Hara on May 23, 1946 and she preceded his death February 4, 2004.

Kenny was a truck driver for 41 years as a city route driver with Norwalk Truck Lines and over-the-road with Fruehauf Transportation. He retired September 13, 1985.

His interests included his love of nature, woodworking, story-telling and sense of humor.

Survivors include:

Daughter, Juanita and Kenneth Smolinske of Kendallville.

Son, Patrick and Karen Marks of Calhoun, Georgia.

Daughter, Patricia "Faye" and Gary Pulis of Auburn.

Six grandchildren: Seth and Deborah Smolinske of Kendallville, Thad and Jené Smolinske of Albion, Stan Loos III of Fort Wayne, Brianne and Dan Ash of Kendallville, Caitlin Hipskind of Auburn, and Catherine Hipskind of Auburn.

Step-granddaughter, René Pulis of Benicia, California.

Seven great-grandchildren: Hannah, Rachel, and Olivia Smolinske all of Kendallville, Zachary and Cody Smolinske of Albion, Aubrey and Liam Stuller of Auburn.

Three step-great-grandchildren, Sierra, Alex and Lillian-Faye Pulis all of Benicia.

Sister, Hilda Baird of LaGrange.

Sister, Mildred Zollman of Tacoma, Washington.

Brother, Wayne and Gloria Marks of LaGrange.

Sister, Carol and Richard Wagner of Huntertown.

He was also preceded in death by his brother, Keith Marks; and his sisters, Vivian Marks, Mary Lou Marks and Betty Jean Marks.

Funeral services were Tuesday, November 23, 2010 at Hite Funeral Home with Military honors and flag folding ceremony provided by members of the VFW Post #2749 and American Legion Post #86, and active duty United States Army troops.

Preferred memorials may be made to Disabled American Veterans.

Send a condolence to the family at [www.hitefuneralhome.com](http://www.hitefuneralhome.com) or find us on Facebook.com



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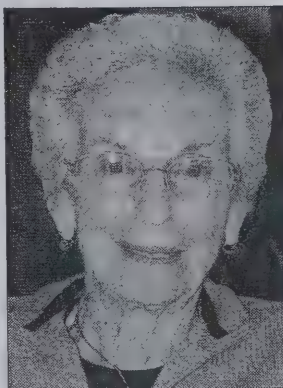
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### **Marilou Stiffney, 87**

Marilou Stiffney, age 87, died November 19, 2010, at Greencroft Healthcare Center, Goshen.

She was born at her family's farm home in Noble County on November 18, 1923, to Roy and Lola (Scarlett) Rice. After graduating from Rome City High School, she worked as a stenographer and executive secretary at McRay Refrigeration in Kendallville. On November 20, 1948 she married Robert Stiffney at her childhood home. Bob and Marilou raised their three sons in Albion where they were members of Trinity United Methodist Church. She held various jobs including homemaker, school cook, and abstract researcher. Her passions were music; serving as church organist, traveling; family camping trips and visiting her son's ranch in Wyoming, and hospitality; hosting family/friends in her home and at church. After her husband's death in 1992, she remained in Albion for 5 years and then moved to Greencroft in Goshen where she lived independently until a sudden illness this past July. Marilou was a quiet and faithful servant of the Lord who had a meaningful impact on the lives she touched.



She was preceded in death by her husband (1992) and two brothers; Max (2004) and Ronald (1981).

Surviving are three sons, Rick (Kathy) and Kirk (Susan) of Goshen and Mark (Betty Jo) of Ten Sleep, WY; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Burial took place Wednesday, Nov. 24 at Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion. A morning memorial service followed at The Gathering Room, with Pastoral Assistant Pamela Kling officiating.

Memorials may be made to Greencroft Foundation, 1721 Greencroft Blvd, Goshen, IN 46526 or Ten Sleep Baptist Church, PO Box 339, Ten Sleep, WY 82442.

Yoder Culp Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

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**Carol Grove Harrell**

LAGRANGE — Carol Grove Harrell, 68, of Avon Park, Florida, and formerly of Stroh, passed away Friday, November 19, 2010, at her home.

She was born August 12, 1942, in DeKalb



**Mrs. Harrell**

County to Gordon and Violet (Emerick) Elkins, who preceded her in death.

She was an active member of the VFW and American Legion Posts.

She was known for her excellent cooking and huge heart. She will be deeply missed by all she touched.

She married Phil Grove on January 14, 1980. He preceded her in death on July 21, 2004. She then married Wayne Harrell on Feb. 14, 2006 in Avon Park. He survives in Avon Park.

Also surviving are a brother, Robert and Mo Day of Sebring, Fla.; two daughters, Vicki Basham of Avon Park, Fla., and Cindy and John Watkins of Angola, Ind.; two stepsons, Bill Grove of Angola, Ind., and Keith and Leslie Harrel of Knoxville, Tenn.; four stepdaughters, Kieata Menster of Angola, Vianna and Terry Elkins of Angola, Cindy and Mike Weed of Sebring, Fla., and Melissa Harrell of Sebring, Fla.; 12 grandchildren, Mitch Everage, Abby Miller, Melissa Zeeb, Fallan Green, Krystal Menster, Austin and Terris Elkins, Deven, Kendall and Ian Harrell, and Sadie and Michael Weed; and five great-grandchildren.

**George Earhart**

OLD HICKORY, Tenn. — George Edward Earhart, age 60, of Old Hickory, Tenn., and formerly of Kendallville, Ind., passed away November 22, 2010.

Mr.

Earhart was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps and he served in Vietnam.



**Mr. Earhart**

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Vernie Elkins; a grandson, Derek Everage; and a great-grandson.

Visitation will be Friday, November 26, 2010, from 4 to 8 p.m. at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange, Ind.

The funeral service will be Saturday, November 27, 2010, at 1 p.m. at the funeral home with the Pastor Russell Hepler officiating. Burial will be in Brighton Cemetery.

A celebration of Her life will be held immediately following the graveside serve at the American Legion in Angola, Ind.

A memorial service will be held in Florida at a later date.

Memorials may be given to the Good Shepherd Hospice, Sebring, Fla.

He was a member of Disabled American Veterans Chapter 3, and the Nashville Cowboy Church.

He loved his family, his children and helping others. He will be greatly missed.

He was born on June 21, 1950, in Portland, Ind., to the late Edward and Frances Earhart.

He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Anna Earhart of Old Hickory; three sons, George E. and Kristen Earhart Jr., stationed in Yokohama, Japan, with the U.S. Navy, Donnie Jack "DJ" Earhart of Old Hickory, and Joshua D. Earhart of Old Hickory; two daughters, Emily and Johnathan Hartel, stationed in Newport News, Va., with the U.S. Air Force, and Samantha Lee and Justin Brothers, stationed in Mountain Home, Idaho, with the U.S. Air Force; two sisters, Aloma and Steven Jones of Hendersonville, Tenn., and Londa Terry of Rome City; a brother, Donovan and Kathryn Stone of Montpelier, Ind.; and four grandchildren, Colton, Hayden, Jailynn, and Jace.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, November 27, 2010, in the chapel of Spring Hill Funeral Home, 5110 Gallatin Road at Briley Parkway in Nashville, Tenn., with Dr. Harry Yates officiating. Entombment will follow at Spring Hill's Garden Mausoleum.

Visitation with the family will be from 4-7 p.m. Friday, November 26, 2010, and one hour prior to services Saturday.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Tennessee Valley Healthcare Systems Attn: Volunteer Services, 1310 24th Ave. S. Nashville, TN 37212.

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### **Barbara McDonald**

LAGRANGE — Barbara E. McDonald, 81, of LaGrange died Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2010, at Lifecare Center of LaGrange in LaGrange.

Mrs. McDonald worked as a nursing assistant in the OB Department at LaGrange Hospital for 21 years.

She enjoyed cooking for her family, her flower garden, and most of all her grandchildren.

She was born March 24, 1929, in LaGrange to D.C. and Ellen (Skaggs) Combs. She married Max McDonald on July 3, 1964, in LaGrange. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Mrs. Kay Wilkinson of LaGrange and Deb and Mike McDonald of Shipshewana; two stepsons, Gary McDonald of Rome City and Terry McDonald of Kendallville; a sister and brother-in-law, Hazel and Arthur Hentzel of LaGrange; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a grandchild, Timothy Dinkins; two brothers, William Ray Combs and Leroy Combs; a sister, Myrtle Combs; and a son-in-law, Donald Wilkinson.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 28, at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange with Mrs. McDonald's nephew the Rev. Frank Combs and the Rev. Mike Howard of the Gospel Light Baptist Church in Kendallville officiating.

Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.



**Mrs.  
McDonald**

### **Barbara Zajac**

ALBION — Barbara A. Zajac, 78, of Albion died Sunday, Nov. 21, 2010, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

There will be no services. Cremation has taken place.

Burial of her ashes will be at Woodside Cemetery in Middletown, Ohio.

Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion is in charge of arrangements.

### **Robin Foster**

ALBION — Robin Kay Foster, 49, of Albion died on Sunday, Nov. 21, 2010, in her home in Albion.

There will be no formal services and cremation will take place.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

### **Ronald Burke**

SAINT CHARLES, Mo. — Ronald C. Burke, 63, of Saint Charles died Monday, Nov. 22, 2010, at St. Joseph Health Center in Saint Charles.

Mr. Burke had been a carpenter.

He had served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War.

Mr. Burke was a member of the Marine Corps League and a member of the VFW and American Legion.

He was born Nov. 18, 1947, in Cleveland, Ohio.

Surviving are his mother, Cecile E. Burke of Chesterfield, Mo.; two sons, Brian and Marla Burke of Kendallville, Ind., and Shane Burke of Kalamazoo, Mich.; two daughters, Laura and Rob Reid of Perry, Ohio, and Amy and Rob Burke-Salyers of Gallatin, Tenn.; three brothers, George and Jo Jo Burke of Chesterfield, Mo., Roy and Sandie Burke of Defiance, Mo., and James and Chris Burke of Saint Charles, Mo.; and eight grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, Roy S. Burke Sr.

Funeral services will be at noon Friday at Pitman Funeral Home, 1545 Wentzville Parkway, Wentzville, Mo. Burial will be in National Cemetery, Jefferson Barracks, Mo.

Visitation will be from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Disabled Veterans in care of Pitman Funeral Home, P.O. Box 248, Wentzville, MO 63385.



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### James Willits

LAGRANGE — James David Willits, 49, of LaGrange died Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2010, at his residence.

A lifetime resident of LaGrange and Noble Counties, he was a custom furniture maker and worked for Willits and Sons Roofing and Siding of South Milford.

Mr. Willits was a member of the South Milford Volunteer Fire Department for 22 years. He helped to build the pavilion and the fence at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

He was born Dec. 10, 1960, in LaGrange to LaVerne A. "Willie" and Bonnie Lou (Niblick) Willits. He married Roberta S. Wilder on Nov. 7, 2002, in Sevierville, Tenn. She survives in LaGrange.

Also surviving are his mother, Bonnie Lou Willits of South Milford; a stepdaughter and son-in-law, Jennifer and Chris Renfrow of Hamilton; a stepson and daughter-in-law, James J. and Marie Whetzel of Sturgis, Mich.; four stepgrandchildren; a sister, Vicki J. McClellan of Howe; and a brother and sister-in-law, Bradley A. and Rose Willits of South Milford.

He was preceded in death by his father, LaVerne A. "Willie" Willits on July 4, 2008.



**Mr. Willits**

### Harold Carmer

AUBURN — Harold W. "Buzz" Carmer, 80, of Auburn, died Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

He was born May 28, 1930, in Auburn, the son of the late Andrew and Helen (Provines) Carmer.

He was a U.S. Air Force veteran of the Korean War and member of American Legion Post 97.

He worked as a computer systems programmer at General Electric, retiring in 1988 with 37 years of service.

He was a member of Saint Marks Lutheran Church and GE Quarter Century Club.

Survivors include a son, Brett Carmer of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Lynn and Tim (Carmer) Depew of Auburn; three sisters, Doris Sanxter, Janet Beaty and Carole Carmer, all of Auburn; and two granddaughters, Stephanie Carmer and Andrea Carmer, both of Auburn.

He was also preceded in death by two sisters, Jeanne Fitzsimmons and Marion Carmer.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, with visitation one hour prior at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Visitation will also be Friday from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

To sign the online guest book, visit [www.pinnington-mccomb.com](http://www.pinnington-mccomb.com).



**Mr. Carmer**

Funeral services will be at 6 p.m. Sunday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, with the Rev. Brian VanOsdol officiating. Burial will be in South Milford Cemetery at a later date.

Visitation will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to ARK Animal Rescue and Adoption INC, P.O. Box 95, Howe, IN 46746.

Condolences may be left for the family at [www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com](http://www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com).

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### Maxine Ernsberger

HELMER — Maxine D. Ernsberger, 87, of Helmer died Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2010, at Lutheran Life Villages in Kendallville.

Mrs. Ernsberger worked at Tri-State College for 10 years and she and her husband, Ray, owned and operated Ernsberger Wood Shop in Helmer for 30 years.

She was a 1942 graduate of Salem Center High School.

She was born in Pleasant Lake on June 30, 1923, to Russell and Gladys (Ebel) Wilcox. She married Ray Ernsberger on June 15, 1942, in Angola. He died Feb. 21, 2000.

Surviving are two sons, Dan and Mary Ann Ernsberger of Brushy Prairie and Stephen Ernsberger of Angola; a daughter, Patricia Ludwig of Pleasant Lake; eight grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and two stepgrandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Virgil Wilcox, and a sister, Dessie Stayner.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with calling from noon until 2 p.m. Pastor Donna Holcomb will officiate.

Burial will be in Mt. Zion Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association.

Send condolences to [www.dalejohnsonfh.com](http://www.dalejohnsonfh.com).

### Ricky Webb

FORT WAYNE — Ricky D. Webb, 54, died Tuesday at Parkview North Hospital. He was a graduate of Eastside High School in Butler.

Mr. Webb worked for 20 years at C & A Tooling and Engineering of Churubusco as a tool and die maker.

He was born Dec. 2, 1955, in Garrett to Donald and Mildred (Collins) Webb.

Surviving are two sons, Heath Webb of Fort Wayne and David (Virginia) Webb of LaOtto; two brothers, Roger (Maria) Webb of Homestead, Fla., and Rex (April) Webb of Butler; three sisters, Rita (LeRoy) Slesman of Bryan, Ohio, Rosanne (Jake) Reas of Hesperia, Mich., and Rebecca (David) Crody of Cotpaxi, Colo.; and his former wife, Linda (Carper) Webb of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Calling will be from 1-7 p.m. Monday at H. E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler.

Memorials are Cancer Treatment Center of America or American Legion Riders.

Condolences may be sent and a video tribute viewed at [www.hejohnsonfh.com](http://www.hejohnsonfh.com)



Mr. Webb

### Patricia Woodring

FREMONT — Patricia Woodring, 80, of Fremont and formerly of Auburn died Tuesday, November 23, 2010, at Northern Lakes Nursing Center in Angola.

Mrs. Woodring had retired as a telephone operator at Indiana Bell Telephone Co. in Auburn.

She enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. She also enjoyed cooking and baking and crocheting.

She was born December 7, 1929, in Garrett to Oscar and Maude (Baker) Harris. They preceded her in death.

She married Maurice Woodring on March 4, 1949, in Spencerville. He preceded her in death on August 16, 2007.

Surviving are two sons, Jack and Lana Woodring of Fremont and Gene Woodring of Auburn; three grandchildren, Corrie and Elton Owsley of Waterloo, Keri Woodring of Countryside, Illinois, and Ashley and Trevor Cooper of Coldwater, Michigan; and two great-grandchildren, Samantha and Spencer Owsley.

She was also preceded in death by three sisters and two brothers.

Graveside funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, November 27, 2010, at Lakeside Cemetery in Fremont with the Rev. Keith Olson officiating.

Memorials are to the Lakeside Cemetery Association or to the Fremont Library.

Beams Funeral Home in Fremont is in charge of arrangements.

Send condolences online to [www.beamsfuneralhome.com](http://www.beamsfuneralhome.com).

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*A special thank you from the family of*  
*Kurt Meyer*

The definition of Thank you is to express gratitude, appreciation, blessings, credit, grace, gratefulness, praise, and recognition, and yet all of this does not exasperate the emotions that my children and myself have felt in the last two months being a part of this incredible community. The outpouring of love and support has been staggering to us. We often wonder sometimes if we are where we are meant to be, if we are in the spot in which God wants us. I know now how much God loves me and my children because he has placed me in the very middle of the body of Christ. Whether it was financial support, a card, a thought, a prayer, or even a simple smile and hug, the words thank you are just not strong enough. I want you to know that my children and myself love you all very much. You have become family. This Thanksgiving is going to be bittersweet. Kurt will be missed very much, but I do not want to take away the joy he is feeling now being in the presence of the Lord. I do, however, ask for one more thing and that is prayer for my kids to get through this time. Thank you again from the bottom of our hearts and may God's peace and love be with you this holiday season.

*In His Name,*  
*Nan, Sam, Hailey and Jack Meyer*



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## Opal Frye

PLEASANT LAKE — Opal Gene (Rea) Frye, loving mother, wife and grandmother, 81, of Pleasant Lake, Indiana, and formerly a resident of Albion, Ind., died on November 25, 2010.

She was born on October 6, 1929, to William E. Rea and

Hazel F. (Schutt) Rea in Shawnee, Kansas.

She leaves behind a loving husband of 63 years, Jerome Price Frye; three children, Jerome E. "Jef" Frye, Kenneth D. Frye, and Carole A. Frye, all of Pleasant Lake, Ind.; a brother, Bill Rea and his wife Diane of Columbia City, Ind.; six grandchildren, Jeridan Frye, Jeff Frye, Holly Carter, Ty Frye, Braeden Wallen-Frye and Jacob Phillips; and six great-grandchildren, Arianna Frye, Aliyah Frye, Logan Paris, Mariah Paris, Kaitlyn Phillips and Kamdyn Phillips.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Larry R. Frye and Michael A. Frye in 1997, and her three brothers, Melvin Rea, William Rea and Charles Rea.

She maintained a very active role in the Pleasant Lake United Methodist Food Bank and other church ministries.

She enjoyed watching the deer in her backyard, the hummingbirds, and helping others. She was loved by her family and the community and will be greatly missed by everyone whose life she touched.



**Mrs. Frye**

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, November 30, 2010, at the Pleasant Lake United Methodist Church in Pleasant Lake, Indiana, with Pastor John Boyanowski officiating.

Visitation will be 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday, November 29, 2010, at the Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, Indiana. Burial will be in the Pleasant Lake Cemetery, Pleasant Lake, Indiana.

Memorials are to the Pleasant Lake United Methodist Church, Pleasant Lake, Indiana.

You may sign the guestbook at [www.weichtfh.com](http://www.weichtfh.com)

## Nadene Werling

ANGOLA — Nadene C. Werling, 84, of Angola died at 5:10 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 25, 2010, at Lakeland Nursing Center.

Mrs. Werling was a homemaker.

She was a member of Peace Lutheran Church in Fremont.

Mrs. Werling loved watching the Chicago Cubs and IU basketball. She also enjoyed reading, playing Euchre, spending time with her grandchildren and for many years, bowling.

She was a native of Fort Wayne.

Surviving are two daughters, Janet and Jetty Aakes of Fort Wayne and Diane and Larry Beaty of Angola; a son, Jerry "Turtle" and Linda Werling of Angola; her grandchildren, Shannon, Mitch, Patrick, Amy, Allison, J.J. and Kayden; a sister, Elenor Kacin of Naperville, Ill.; and a brother, Don and Shirley Bohner of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph Werling, in 1994.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to noon Monday at Tom Mungovan Funeral Home, 2221 S. Calhoun St., Fort Wayne.

Funeral services will be at noon Monday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in St. John's Lutheran Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Humane Shelter.

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**Edith Hochstetler**

LAGRANGE — Edith Mae Hochstetler, 67, of LaGrange died Thursday, Nov. 25, 2010, at her residence.

Mrs. Hochstetler was a homemaker and member of the Old Order Amish Church.

She was born May 4, 1943, in Constantine, Mich., to Levi D. and Elizabeth N. (Bontrager) Graber. She married John L. Hochstetler Oct. 26, 1961, in Shippshewana. He survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Floyd (Millie Ruth) Hochstetler of Belize, Calif., John (Dorothy) Hochstetler of Middlebury and Marion (Ida Mae) Hochstetler of LaGrange; nine daughters, Ruth Ann (Daniel) Coblentz of Hillsboro, Wis., Lorene (David) Nisley of Bloomingdale, Mich., Ellen (Reuben) Swartzentruber of Aylmer, Ontario, Canada, Joanna (Stephen) Coblentz of Bloomingdale, Mich., Cristina (Joseph) Mishler of Howe, Rachel (Perry) Helmuth of LaGrange, Regina (Paul) Coblentz of Shippshewana, Mary (Jerry) Bontrager of Shippshewana and Elizabeth (Mark) Coblentz of LaGrange; 61 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; two brothers, Daniel (Joanna) Graber of Shippshewana and Cletus (Norma) Graber of Columbus; and a sister, Anna (Floyd) Yoder of Shippshewana.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Chris Graber; and a grandchild.

Visitation will be after noon today and all day Sunday at the family's residence, 1050 W. C.R. 200S, LaGrange.

Funeral services will be at 9:30 a.m. Monday at the Perry Troyer residence, 1250 W. C.R. 200S, LaGrange, with Bishop Eli P. Miller and the home ministers officiating.

Burial will be in Miller Cemetery, LaGrange.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, is in charge of arrangements.

**Chad Hurst**

KENTWOOD, Mich. — Chad E. Hurst, 37, of Kentwood died Wednesday, Nov. 24, in Michigan.

Services will be at a later date.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

**Mildred Kettlebar**

LIGONIER — Mildred M. Kettlebar, 85, of Ligonier died Wednesday, Nov. 25, 2010, at Goshen General Hospital. Arrangements are pending at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier.

**Linda Wells**

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Linda Wells, 73, of East Lansing died Sunday, Nov. 22, 2010, at Hospice Health in Lansing.

No services are planned at this time.



# Questions remain in ax murder

Angola woman awaits sentencing for  
murder of husband last December

**BY AMY OBERLIN**  
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ANGOLA — The case of  
Norma Jean Mote has many  
wondering.

What could have happened to  
cause a 45-year-old wife to  
gruesomely murder her husband  
one year ago? What was going on  
in that home? That is the question  
many ask around Steuben County  
kitchen tables.

The victim of the murder,  
Kevin Conway Mote, 56, had been  
arrested and convicted of battering  
his wife. That was over eight years  
before his murder. There was little  
else, at least from public records,  
that would point toward a troubled  
home. In fact, some spoke highly  
of Mote.

Some knew the victim from his  
full-time job at Cameron Memorial



**K. Mote**



**N. Mote**

Community Hospital and his part-  
time housekeeping duties at the  
Carnegie Public Library of  
Steuben County.

"He was a maintenance worker  
here since 1996. He was well  
respected, he was much loved,"  
said Laura Lutterbeck, Cameron  
director of community relations.

The Motes were described by  
neighbor Rhonda Heifner as a  
family that kept to themselves.

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## MURDER: *Husband previously charged with battery in 2001*

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who were quiet, not the type to be seen around the neighborhood.

However, as the night of Dec. 17 crept into the early morning of Dec. 18, 2009, a horrifying scene unfolded at the Mote household. Police arrived to find Kevin hacked multiple times by an ax, after Norma called to report herself as his murderer.

She has been in Steuben County Jail since that day. This summer, she sat in jail while one of her two teenaged sons graduated from high school. She will endure the holidays in a cell — again.

Mote has been a well-behaved inmate, said jail commander Capt. Doug Grandin. KPC Media requested an interview with Mote for this story, but Grandin said she declined.

She is being housed along with the general population and has not caused problems, Grandin said. He also described her as a quiet person.

In Steuben Superior Court, Mote seems well adjusted and tidy. Her demeanor is calm. Before she entered her formal admission to murder Monday she appeared happy after speaking to her attorney, Anthony Kraus, and preparing for the hearing.

Supporters in the courtroom broke down after the plea was made. After the hearing ended, Norma blew one of them a kiss, tears teasing the rims of her eyes.

Norma Mote has no criminal history in Steuben County that could be discerned from court records dating into the 1970s.

Kevin Mote was arrested for public intoxication in September 1979, and the charge was dismissed in April 1980.

He was charged with battery on Norma from an offense that occurred April 20, 2001. He admitted to shoving a table into Norma, knocking her to the floor.

An argument had allegedly begun over money. Norma reported the battery to Angola Police Department two days after the incident occurred, on April 22, 2001.

The case was not officially filed until Aug. 8, 2001. On Aug. 30, 2001, Kevin Mote pleaded guilty to a Class B misdemeanor at his initial hearing. He was sentenced to 180 days with all but four days suspended and served one year probation. He was fined \$25 and required to attend non-violence counseling.

A condition of his probation was a restraining order, but that protective order did not contain all the elements generally included in such a document. In the Mote case, paragraphs were deleted from the strictures on the restraining order form. Mote was prohibited only from "battering, harassing or disturbing the peace of the victim."

Through deletion of some terms in the standard form, Mote was able to continue to communicate with and be around Norma.

Angola Police Department records reflect that the April 2001 incident was the only call it has responded to at the Mote household. Steuben County Communications also has no other records of calls received from the household.

Mote is represented by public defender Kraus. She has pleaded guilty to murder in a plea bargain with the Steuben County Prosecutor's Office that calls for a 45-year sentence, the minimum under Indiana law. The maximum for murder is 65 years.

If Judge William Fee accepts Mote's plea at a Dec. 20 sentencing, she will be sent the Indiana Department of Corrections, where with Indiana good time credit and time already served she will remain for about 20 more years.

If Fee rejects the plea bargain, the case could go to trial.

On Jan. 8, chief deputy prosecutor Michael Hess requested a "suspect kit" be obtained from Mote. The kit would contain hair, saliva and blood samples. Police evidence includes an ax, bed linens and clothing "having a red-colored substance believed to be blood and/or tissue," according to court documents.

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FILE PHOTO BY MIKE MARTURELLO

A Steuben County Sheriff's deputy keeps watch on the crime scene at the Kevin and Norma Mote home in this Dec. 18, 2009, file photo. The home is located on the south side of Angola and is where Norma Mote allegedly killed her husband by striking him multiple times with an ax.

# Noble crash kills man

BY DENNIS NARTKER

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MERRIAM — A Columbia City man was killed early Saturday morning when the pickup he was driving left the road at approximately 3:30 and struck a telephone pole in the 1200 block of C.R. 500 South, east of Merriam.

Logan Templeton, 21, suffered a fatal head injury in the crash, according to a Noble County Sheriff's Department news release.

A passenger in the truck, Amber R. Talbot, 38, of Churubusco suffered a back injury and was airlifted to Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne for treatment. Talbot was listed in fair condition as of 9 p.m., according to a Parkview spokeswoman.

Templeton was driving a 2001 Dodge-Ram pickup truck east on C.R. 500 South from C.R. 100 East at about 3:30 a.m. when he apparently lost control of the vehicle. The truck left the road and hit a telephone pole in front of a residence at 1278E C.R. 500 South. Templeton was pronounced dead at the scene.

The accident remains under investigation. Indiana State Police, the Noble County Coroner's Office, Whitley County Sheriff's Department, Noble County EMS, Whitley County EMS and the Churubusco Fire Department assisted the Noble County Sheriff's Department at the scene.



# Edington known for serving others

**BY JENNIFER DECKER**

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ANGOLA — Ruth “Ruthie” Edington was known by her family for giving her tireless energy to the three communities she lived in: Angola, Fort Wayne and Huntington.

Ruthie (what she liked to be called) most recently lived at Evangelical Home in Saline, Mich., for three years where she was close to her family. She was Resident of the Month in October 2009. She died Nov. 7 at age 84.

Her son, Dee, and daughter-in-law, Marilyn, of Ann Arbor, Mich., said Ruthie was quite proud of her extensive work with women and the community, and felt like she was helping open doors for women who were entering the workforce.

Marilyn said Ruthie always made the most of her life’s situation from not taking a job in Lansing, Mich., following high school because her father thought that it was bad for a young woman to live in an apartment, to moving to the farm in Huntington following her husband, Everett. From there, they moved to Huntington for 15 years, to Fort Wayne for 15 years to the farm in Steuben County, to Gale Street and to the three facilities during the final five years of her life. Each move and location presented another opportunity to meet new friends and work in new locations, and she embraced it.

Ruthie worked in city and county positions for the majority of her career. She was administrative assistant to the Huntington mayor, city court clerk, and later served in the Fort Wayne Police Department for many years. Her civic affairs over the years included PTA Council, city and county Girl Scout Council, chief warden of Huntington County Civil Defense, and a Red Cross volunteer recognized for service of more than 50 years.

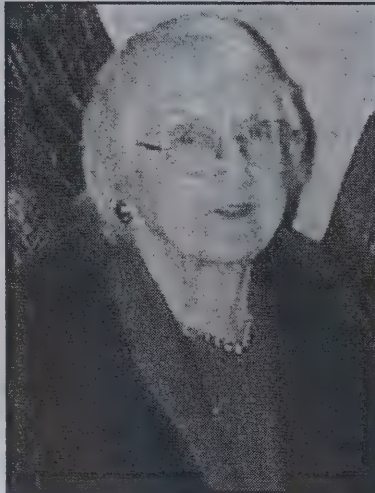


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## Ruth “Ruthie” Edington

Ruthie was an active member of the Business and Professional Women (BPW) since 1950, serving in many offices on local, district and state levels. She was also Woman of the Year for four BPW groups. While in Angola, she was president of the Steuben County Women’s Club, the local AARP and the Steuben County

Council of Aging Senior Citizens. She was the 1992 recipient of the Tri-State Sertoma Club’s Service to Mankind award and received the Old Hoosier Award as a member of the Federation of Older Hoosiers.

The Herald Republican honored her with the 1994 Woman of the Year award and in an Oct. 28, 1994, story, it said Ruthie single-handily took donations in Huntington for the PTA to add crossing guards because it wasn’t in the city council’s budget. She also fixed supper nightly for her family, no matter how busy she was: “It didn’t seem like a chore. It was a chore of love,” Ruthie said in the story.

“She was independent and sold the farm without telling us,” Marilyn said. “She was shy, but people loved her. She was a hard, hard worker.”

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Ruthie was also known for her greeting cards and she sent them to friends on birthdays and special times and times to let them know she was thinking of them. Since she always sent cards, she received a lot. She was well-known for passing out Free Hug cards.

Dee recalled his mother was also generous with serving so many dishes when the family shared dinner there never was enough room on the table for all the dishes. Food was fun, with little salads, often surprising side dishes at each place, new recipes and several main dishes, and always a juice to drink, he said.

Marilyn said her mother-in-law loved to find the humor in things. "We found a typed talk that she gave years ago as new president of the Huntington BPW group. She said here she was, the most bashful person when in high school and then suddenly as an adult she had been elected president of BPW by her friends. She said she was so bashful that she couldn't lead a silent prayer," Marilyn said. Joking as always, Ruthie said she went out in the fishing boat to practice her talk, and the fish were so bored they jumped in the boat.

Ruthie adored her trips to Hawaii, Alaska and Switzerland, bus trips to eat out and see plays in other states.

She loved to wear jewelry and always had her matching earrings and necklaces, Marilyn noted, with big and bright as the key.

Ruthie was born in Alpena, Mich. to William Wright Williams and Maude (Baror) Williams. After graduating from Flint Northern High School, Ruthie attended Flint Business College. She married Everett Edington in 1936 and he preceded her in death in 1995.

Also preceding her in death was a daughter Sandra Sue Storm in 1972. Surviving is Ruthie's son, Dee Wayne (Marilyn) Edington of Ann Arbor, Mich.; grandson David Glen (Stacie) Edington of Highland, Mich.; and a grand-daughter Sharin Sue Whitfield (Charles) of Greeneville, Tenn. Ruthie was proudest of her children and grandchildren and their accomplishments.

### **Sophie Russell**

COLDWATER, Mich. — Sophie Ann Russell, daughter of Andrew and Chanelle (Hagaman) Russell of Coldwater, Mich., died shortly after birth in the hospital in Toledo, Ohio.

Cremation has taken place. No service is planned.

Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, Ind., is handling the arrangements.

Memorial donations to help with expenses may be sent to Andrew and Chanelle Russell c/o Bob and Carol Hagemann, 100 Fawn Run, Coldwater, MI 49036.

### **Dorothy Easterday**

ALBION — Dorothy L. Easterday, 65, of Northridge Village Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Albion, died Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2010, at her residence.

There is no service or visitation.

A memorial service may be planned in the future.

Sheets and Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of arrangements.

"When her daughter, Sandra, died it was sudden and left a hole in her heart," Marilyn said. "By giving it helped her live well. I can't imagine the death of a child."

Funeral services for Ruthie Edington were held Nov. 11 at the Holy Family Episcopal Church, Angola, with Father Michael Fulk officiating. Burial was in the Lindenwood Cemetery in Fort Wayne. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to Holy Family Episcopal Church in Angola, or Arbor Hospice of Ann Arbor, Mich. H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home of Angola handled the funeral arrangements.



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## Gretchen Kleinhenz

ANGOLA — Gretchen Anne Wahl Kleinhenz, 50, of Angola died Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2010 in her home on Lake Gage in Angola, Ind.

She was an interior designer.

She graduated in 1979 from Lawrence Central High School in Indianapolis, Ind., and in 1983 with a Bachelor of Business degree from Indiana University in Bloomington, Ind. She graduated in 2006 with an Associate Degree in Interior Design from IPFW.

She was a member of the Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes, Angola, Carnegie Public Library Book Club, Angola, Carnegie Public Library Knitting Club, Angola, and Alpha Phi Sorority.

On Oct. 22, 1960, in Indianapolis she was born to Leonard Arnold and Mary Beth (Croxall) Wahl. She married Ted Alan Kleinhenz on Oct. 19, 1991.

Surviving are: her husband Ted Alan Kleinhenz, Angola; her mother Mary Beth Wahl, Angola; two sons, Joseph and Jennifer Kleinhenz, Bolingbrook, Ill., and Michael Kleinhenz, Boston, Mass.; a daughter, Jennifer Anderson, Fort Wayne, Ind.; four brothers, Gavin Wahl, Long Beach, Calif., Bendan Wahl, Pierceton, Ind., Christopher and Julie Wahl, Alpharetta, Ga., and Brian Wahl, Bellevue, Wash.; and two grandchildren, Nicholas Kleinhenz and Emily Anderson.



**Mrs.  
Kleinhenz**

## Mildred Kettlebar

LIGONIER — Mildred "Mid" Marie Kettlebar, 85, died at 7:50 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2010 in Goshen General Hospital, Goshen, following an extended illness.

She was a lifelong area resident, and retired from the U.S. Postal Service after over 35 years of service.

She loved to travel, and was an avid Cubs and Indiana University fan. She enjoyed gardening, caring for dogs and birds, and was

an avid reader.

On Sept. 15, 1925, she was born in Ligonier to John and Alice (Adair) Kettlebar.

Survivors include: a sister, Mary Alice Rex of Port Royal, S.C.; multiple nieces and nephews including her special caregivers, Carol (Steve) Reed of South Whitley, Ind., Dawn Wiley of Fort Wayne, Ind., and Marcia (Larry) Yoder of Ligonier. Other nieces and nephews include: Dixie (Kenneth) Soice, Kathy Kettlebar, Sharon (Ted) Johnson, Michael (Rose) Kettlebar, Randy (Sandra) Wiley, Doug Wiley, Ben Glaser, Heidi Johnson, Tony (Joanne) Rex and Lynn Rex Smith.

Preceding her in death were: her parents, five brothers, Wilbur, Alvin, Calvin, Tom and Max Kettlebar, and two sisters, Wanda Wiley and Clotha Glaser.

A graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 3, 2010, in Thorn Cemetery, Ormas, Ind., with celebrant Larry Baker officiating.

Memorial contributions are to the American Lung Association, 115 W. Washington St., Suite 1180-S, Indianapolis IN 46204 or Noble County Humane Shelter, 1305 Sherman St., P.O. Box 471, Kendallville IN 46755.

The Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier is assisting the family with arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.yeagerfuneralhome.com](http://www.yeagerfuneralhome.com).

Her father preceded her in death in June 1993.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 3, 2010 at Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes, Angola, with Pastor Thomas H. Smith officiating. Burial will be in the Memorial Garden at the Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes, Angola.

Calling will be one hour prior to Friday's service at the church.

Memorials are to Cameron Home Health Care & Hospice, 416 E. Maumee St., Angola IN 46703.

The guestbook may be signed online at [www.weichtfh.com](http://www.weichtfh.com).

Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, is in charge of arrangements.



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### **Chad Hurst**

**KENDALLVILLE** — Chad Everett Hurst, 37, of Kentwood, Mich., and formerly of Kendallville, died at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2010 at his residence in Grand Rapids, Mich.

He resided in Grand Rapids the past two years, and prior to that had lived his life in the Kendallville area.

On Aug. 23, 1973 in Kendallville, he was born to Rodney and Linda (McDonald) Hurst. They survive in Kendallville. On March 3, 2005, he married Tammie Rennee Crego Hurst. She survives in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Also surviving are: four sons, Nickolas Everett, Tyler Chad, Brandon Keith and Tristan Hurst; a daughter, Amber Nicole Hurst; his maternal grandmother Evalyn McDonald, Kendallville; and a brother, Bryan Hurst, Kendallville.

Preceding him in death were a son, Chad Nicholas, his maternal grandfather Orville McDonald, and his paternal grandparents Roy and Eunice Hurst.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday, Nov. 29, 2010 at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, 530 N. Main St., Avilla, Ind., with the Rev. Willie Collins officiating. Burial will follow at Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling will be one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

To sign the online guest register book, go to [www.brazzellfuneralhome.com](http://www.brazzellfuneralhome.com).

Brazzell Funeral Homes, Avilla Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

### **Maurice Houser**

**PLEASANT LAKE** — Maurice D. Houser, 78, died at 8:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 26, 2010 at Laurels of DeKalb in Auburn.

Services are pending at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, Ind.

### **Joyce Boddiger**

**LIGONIER** — Joyce Boddiger, 65, of Ligonier, died Saturday, Nov. 27, 2010 at Avalon Village Nursing Home in Ligonier.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

### **Murlein Reinewald**

**KENDALLVILLE** — Murlein E. Reinewald, 97, of Kendallville, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Friday, Nov. 26, 2010 at Lutheran Life Villages in Kendallville.

Born on Jan. 12, 1913 in Fort Wayne, She was the daughter of the late Murel A. and Bertha A. (Liebmann) Weichselfelder.

She was a loving mother and grandmother who enjoyed knitting and crocheting, and watching old movies.

She is survived by her son, John L. Reinewald (wife Lee) of Pretty Lake; five grandchildren; nine great grandchildren; and eight great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John E. Reinewald; daughter, Carlene K. Matson; and brother, George L. Weichselfelder.

Funeral service is 1 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2010 at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 N. Wells St., Fort Wayne, with visitation 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday. Burial in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Lutheran Life Villages.

To sign the guestbook, visit [www.sloanandsonsfuneralhome.com](http://www.sloanandsonsfuneralhome.com).



**Mrs.  
Reinewald**

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**Margaret Heston**

ALBION — Margaret Heston, 94, of North Ride Village, Albion, Ind., and former resident of 510 E. Race St., Portland, Ind., and Crown Point, Ind., died Friday, Nov. 26, 2010 in Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

She was born in Portland on Feb. 2, 1916, the daughter of Harvey and Jesse (Wilson) Humphries. She was married Feb. 22, 1938 to Clayton Heston. He preceded her in death on Jan. 26, 1982.

She had worked for United Telephone Company, Artcraft Sporting Goods and Dunkirk Lumber Company.

She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Portland.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Bud (Margie) Bushell of Columbia City, and Mrs. Al (Barbara) Huth of Kendallville; five grandchildren; five great great grandchildren; and one great-great grandson.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 29, 2010 in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland, with Pastor Deb Bowsher presiding. Burial will follow in the Green Park Cemetery.

Calling is today from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. and one hour prior to services Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials can be made to the First Presbyterian Church in Portland or the donor's choice.

Online condolences may be sent to [www.bairdfreeman.com](http://www.bairdfreeman.com).

**Albert Pyle**

KENDALLVILLE — Albert L. Pyle, 97, died

Thursday, Nov. 25, 2010 at Lutheran Life Villages Nursing Home in Kendallville.

He was a 20-year resident of Noble County, and then retired to Florida.

Mr. Pyle was born in Bourbon, Ind., on Feb. 19, 1913 to Albert W. and Nora Gay Pyle. He married Dorothy Johnson of Etna Green, Ind., on June 25, 1931. She preceded him in death in 1995.

He worked as a land surveyor for the Soil Conservation Service and Indiana Michigan Light Co.

Surviving are: two sons, Albert, Nancy (Jack) Cole of Auburn, and Ernest (Sue) Pyle of Churubusco; a sister, Roma Smith of Silver Lake, Ind.; 18 grandchildren; 44 great grandchildren; and 10 great-great children.

Preceding him in death, in addition to his wife, were two sons, Allen Pyle and Ron Pyle; and a daughter, Jo Ann French.

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### Joyce Boddiger

LIGONIER — Joyce Ann Boddiger, 65, of Ligonier, died on Saturday, November 27, 2010 at Avalon Village, Ligonier.

Mrs. Boddiger was born in Stone Coal, Kentucky on May 2, 1945, to the late Beverage and Ellen (Wicker) Wallen.



**Mrs.  
Boddiger**

She married Paul C. Boddiger on November 28, 1989 in Kendallville.

Joyce was last employed as a cashier with Gas America in

Ligonier. She also owned two bars, one in Kendallville, and Pirates Cove in Ligonier. She also was employed in the past at Kraft Foods in Kendallville.

Joyce liked to paint with colors and she enjoying craftwork. She loved animals, especially cats and dogs, and she loved to go shopping.

Survivors include her husband, Paul Boddiger of Ligonier; two sons, Joey Uhl of Indianapolis and Kelly Uhl of Ligonier; two grandchildren, Chance and Cassiday Uhl of Indianapolis; five sisters, Flossie and Sonny Strange of Elida, Ohio, Ethel Kline of Albion, Sue Lowder of Kendallville, Bertha and Bill Bryant of Kendallville, Pam and Everett Hovarter of Kendallville; a brother, Claude Wallen of Hamilton; and a special friend, Dixie Rice of Kendallville.

### Richard Stolte

ALBION — Richard Paul Stolte, 87, died Sunday, Nov. 28, 2010, at home in Albion.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel. Calling will be Tuesday from 4-8 p.m.

at the funeral home. Graveside services following the funeral will be at 2:30 p.m. at Patton Cemetery in LaPorte.

Memorials are to the First Presbyterian Church in Albion.

She was also preceded in death by her brothers and sisters-in-law, Clyde and June Moore and Cledis and Audrey Wallen; a sister, Arvenie Wallen; and her brothers-in-law, Thurman Lowder and Fred Kline.

Visitation will be Tuesday, November 30, 2010 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 South Main Street in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, December 1, 2010 at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home. Officiating the funeral service will be Rev. Morris Wicker. Burial will be at Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Preferred Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society.

Casketbearers will be Kevin Lowder, Mike Strange, Richard McGuire, Todd Bryant, Cris Terry and Greg Blessing,

with honorary bearers, Chance Uhl and Seth Loftis.

Send a condolence to the family or view a video tribute of Joyce by Tuesday at [www.hitefuneralhome.com](http://www.hitefuneralhome.com)

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## **Maurice Houser**

PLEASANT LAKE — Maurice D. Houser, 78, died Friday, Nov. 26, 2010, at Laurels of DeKalb in Butler.

He was born in Union Township, DeKalb County, on April 13, 1932, to Albert A. and Haidee (Krontz) Houser. Mr. Houser retired in 1987 after 36-1/2 years from Dana Corp in Auburn. During his career he started manufacturing plants in Charlotte, N.C. He was also a Korean War veteran, spending 17-1/2 months in Korea. He was a graduate of St. Joe High School and moved to rural Pleasant Lake in 1954.

He married Amy E. Wagner in Newville, Ind., on Feb. 3, 1951. He was a member of Hudson United Brethren Church.

Surviving are his wife, Amy E. Houser; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Danny (Chris) Houser of Albany, Ore., Doyle Houser of Pleasant Lake and Phil (Cindy) Houser of Middlebury; one daughter and son-in-law, Carolyn (Anthony) Gutierrez of Buda, Texas; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Larry (Shirley) Houser of Hamilton and Harold (Bea) Houser of Phoenix, Ariz; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Janet (Harland) Smith of Angola and Mary (Roger) Morrison of Auburn; 11 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

A brother, Linford Houser, and a sister, Lorna Delong, preceded him in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Hudson United Brethren Church with Pastor Craig Burkholder officiating. Burial will be in Carter Cemetery with military services.

## **Paul Cutshall**

AVILLA — Paul Franklin Cutshall, 74, died Saturday, Nov. 27, 2010, at VA Northern Indiana Health Care System in Marion.



**Mr. Cutshall**

He was born Jan. 8, 1936, in Huntertown to the late Rupert W. and Mildred (Smith) Cutshall.

He was a

U.S. Army Korean War veteran and Keyser Township farmer.

He is survived by a brother and sister-in-law, John and Janet Cutshall of Avilla, and a sister and brother-in-law, Ann and Jack Teegardin of Longview, Texas. He has six nieces and nephews.

Services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, Auburn. Calling is one hour prior to the service, from 1-2 p.m.

Memorials are to National Federation of the Blind, 1800 Johnson Street, Baltimore, MD 21230, or Guide Dogs for the Blind P.O. Box 3950, San Rafael, CA 94912-3950.

To view an obituary or send condolences, visit [fellerandclark.com](http://fellerandclark.com).

Calling will be at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, from 3-7 p.m. Wednesday and at the church, Thursday, after 10 a.m.

Memorials are to the church or the Alzheimers Association.

Condolences may be sent to [www.dalejohnsonfh.com](http://www.dalejohnsonfh.com).

## **Michael Bauer**

ORLAND — Michael Duane Bauer, 64, died Saturday morning at the Cameron Hospital, Angola, Indiana.

Michael was born August 17, 1946, the son of Duane and Barbara (Wiedelman) Bauer. He was a 1964 graduate of Fairview High School. He was united in marriage to Sue Sevrence in 1986.

Michael was employed by JAT Trucking, Fort Wayne, Indiana. He enjoyed his family and fishing with his nephews.

He is survived by his wife, Sue; a daughter, Rose (Herb) Hart; his mother, Barbara Parrott of Hicksville; two sisters, Patricia Appel of Hicksville, and Carol Mayberry of Corunna, Indiana; and a brother, Dan Bauer of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his father, Duane M. Bauer, in 1970.

The funeral service will be at 1 p.m. on Wednesday at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, Ohio. Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, and one hour prior to the service.

Burial will be at Spindler Cemetery, Mark Township, Ohio.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Crippled Children and Adult Society.

Online condolences may be shared at [www.smithbrownfuneralhome.com](http://www.smithbrownfuneralhome.com).



BOB BUTTGEN

An accident at this grain-handling operation near Cromwell Monday morning claimed the life of

Nellis Kunce, 87. Kunce was the founder and president of Kunce Brothers Inc.

# Farm accident kills man

**BY BOB BUTTGEN**

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**CROMWELL** — Nellis Kunce, a well-known grain farmer and businessman, died in an accident Monday morning at his family's business in southern Noble County.

Kunce, 87, was killed when he was accidentally run over by a semi-tractor trailer that was being unloaded at his business, according to the Noble County Sheriff's Department.

The accident occurred just after 10 a.m. at Kunce Brothers Inc., located on C.R. 75S, about five miles south of Cromwell. Nellis Kunce was the founder and

president of the business that has served area farmers for several decades.

A 911 call was made to the Noble County dispatch center, and officers and an EMS ambulance were dispatched to the scene. Kunce was dead when police arrived, according to Deputy Aaron Knight of the sheriff's department.

According to Knight, the victim was assisting with the unloading of a semi when he got too close to the truck's wheels while the vehicle was being moved and was run over.

The truck was driven by a 26-year-old man from South Whitley. Kunce Brothers is a buyer and

seller of grain, fertilizer and other agricultural products. Nellis Kunce was well known in the agricultural community for his many years of dealing with farmers and his desire not to retire, according to one friend.

The Noble County Coroner's Office is investigating the incident, along with officers from the Indiana State Police's Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division and the Cromwell Town Marshal's Office.

The coroner's office is conducting a post-accident investigation but there are no charges expected, according to Knight's report.



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### William Sunman

LAGRANGE — William H. Sunman, 72, of LaGrange died Monday, Nov. 29, 2010, at his residence.

Mr. Sunman moved to LaGrange in 1997 from Kankakee, Ill.

He had been a truck driver.

Mr. Sunman was a United States Air Force veteran.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in LaGrange and the HOG Club.

He was born on Nov. 25, 1938, in Rushville, Ind., to Everett and Helen (Edwards) Sunman. They predece him in death. On Aug. 31, 1980, in Kankakee, Ill., he married Anna M. Showers. She survives in LaGrange.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Deborah D. and Kevin Riley and Lori J. and Ronald Graddy, all of LaGrange; a son, Dennis Sunman of Greenfield, Ind.; a stepdaughter and son-in-law, Darla and Charles Pitts of Eldorado, Ill.; a stepson and daughter-in-law, Andrew and Shirley Coleman of Osceola Mills, Pa.; 11 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Virgie Pitts and Sue Dolson both of Loudon, Tenn.

Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, with the Rev. Chris Danielson officiating.

Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. Wednesday prior to the service at the funeral home.



**Mr. Sunman**

### Richard Stolte

ALBION — Richard Paul Stolte, 87, died Sunday, Nov. 28, 2010, at his home in Albion.

Mr. Stolte was a dairy farmer.

He was a lifetime member of the National Holstein Association, Indiana Holstein Association and Indiana Farm Bureau.

Mr. Stolte was also a member of the Historical Society of Noble County and AARP.

He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Albion.

Mr. Stolte graduated from Union Mills High School in the class of 1941. He came to the Noble County area in March 1963 from LaCross. He also spent some time living in LaPorte.

He was born on April 29, 1923, in Wanatah the son of Paul G. and Lillian Iva (Keehn) Stolte. He married Ruth E. Bierly on Aug. 28, 1948, in Argos. She died on June 11, 1991. On Nov. 26, 1994, he married Mary L. Gilber Owen in Albion. She survives in Albion.

Also surviving are a son, Brian Stolte of Albion; two daughters, Connie (Jerald) Karst of Wawaka and Peggy Stolte of Albion; two grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and a sister, Irene Gainus of Mill Spring, N.C.; his stepchildren, Ned (Ida) Owen of Fort Wayne, Jed (Karen) Owen of Carmel, Gilbert (Nelda) Owen of Albion, Wanda (Larry) Truelove of Albion, Christine Owen of Albion and Cindy Galuoppo.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Lucille Pierce; and a brother, Ralph Stolte.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with the Rev. Stanley Wilson officiating. Graveside services following the funeral will be at 2:30 p.m. EST at Patton Cemetery in LaPorte.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the First Presbyterian Church in Albion.

### Jon Bockus

MIDDLEBURY — Memorial services for Jon G. Bockus of Goshen will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Miller-Stewart Funeral

Home in Middlebury.

Mr. Bockus, 70, died Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2010, at Courtyard Health Care in Goshen.

Memorials are to the Multiple Sclerosis Society or the charity of the donor's choice.

A second service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at Osceola Mills United Methodist Church, 303 Curtin St., Osceola Mills, Pa.

Visitation in Pennsylvania will be from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday at Heath Funeral Home, 701 Lingle St., Osceola Mills, Pa.

Burial will follow at Umbria Cemetery in Osceola Mills, Pa.

Memorials are to American Cancer Society or American Heart Association.

Condolences may be left for the family at [www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com](http://www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com).



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### Anna Lilienthal

**GARRETT** — Anna Margarete Lilienthal, 96, of Avilla and formerly of Garrett, died Monday, Nov. 29, 2010, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

She was a homemaker. Mrs. Lilienthal was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett. She was also a member of the Rosary Society and Harvest House.



**Mrs. Lilienthal**

She was born Feb. 16, 1914, in Braunsberg, East Prussia, to Franz and Gertrude (Weinreich) Nadolny. They preceded her in death. She married Helmut Anton Lilienthal on Oct. 28, 1941, in Braunsberg, East Prussia, and he died Dec. 9, 1965.

Surviving are five daughters, Monika Vickers of Grandbury, Texas; Gabriela Kruger of Garrett, Margaret Gammons of Keller, Texas; Antonia Warrick of Jacksonville, Fla., and Susan Green of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by three brothers and a sister.

A Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett with Father Andrew Nazareth officiating. Burial will follow in Calvary Cemetery in Garrett.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. on Friday at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett.

### Gabriel Swartzentruber

**GOSHEN** — Gabriel James Swartzentruber, infant son of Rustin and Tiffany (Detweiler) Swartzentruber, Goshen, died shortly after birth Sunday, Nov. 28, 2010, at Goshen General Hospital.

The family will hold a

graveside service. Burial will be in Clinton Union Cemetery, Goshen.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

### Russell Sherer Jr.

**TOPEKA** — Russell "Butch" Sherer Jr., 87, of Topeka, died Monday, November 29, 2010, at his home.

A private family gathering will be held in his honor. Burial is in Eden Cemetery in Topeka.

Memorial contributions are to Rome City American Legion Post.

Yeager Funeral Home, Ligonier, is in charge of arrangements.

### Roselyn Sowers

**ALBION** — Roselyn "Rosie" M. (White) Sowers, 84, of Albion died Monday, Nov. 29, 2010, at Hickory Creek Nursing Home at Kendallville.

She was born March 1, 1926, in Woodburn to Silas and Effie White.

Surviving are her children, Tammy



**Ms. Sowers**

(Herb) Larter of Garrett, Nona Larue of Albion, Kirkland Sowers of Waterloo, Wade (Kathy) Sowers of Bronson, Mich., Vicky (Randy) Hastings of Kendallville and Shelly (Curtis) Fredrick of Albion; a brother, Elvin "Buck" (Naomi) White of Fort Wayne; a sister-in-law, Ardella White of Helmer; a brother-in-law, Joseph Handerson of Fort Wayne; 10 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her siblings, William White, Edna Dean, Irene Handerson, and Lillian Wesseler.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Gar Creek Union Cemetery, 15703 Gar Creek Road, New Haven.

Calling will be from 10 a.m. to noon Friday at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 S.R. 930 E., New Haven.

Memorials to the family in care of Nona Larue, 721 W. Main St., Albion, IN 46701

Send online condolences to [www.harperfuneralhome.com](http://www.harperfuneralhome.com)

Memorials are to St. Joseph Catholic School or Masses.

Send a condolence or sign the on-line register book by visiting [www.thomasfuneralhome.org](http://www.thomasfuneralhome.org).

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### Donald Wilson

AVILLA — Donald F. Wilson, 78, of Avilla died Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2010, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Wilson was the owner of We Search Research in Avilla.



**Mr. Wilson**

He was was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War.

Mr. Wilson was a member of New Life House of Worship in Garrett.

He was born Jan. 13, 1932, in Marion, Ind., the son of Wayne and Edith Wilson.

Surviving are his wife, Beatrice Wilson of Avilla; two sons, James M. Wilson of Phoenix, Ariz., and Robert M. Wilson; two daughters, Dia Bock of Fremont and Leslie Adang of Fort Wayne; a brother, Robert J. Wilson of California; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Merrill Wilson; and two sisters, Patsy Wiebel and Rebecca Wilson. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at New Life House of Worship, 130 N. Randolph St., Garrett, with the Rev JC Banks officiating. Burial will be in Marion National Cemetery with military honors.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Memorials are to New Life House of Worship Church or the Creation Museum of Kentucky.

To sign the online guest book, visit [www.pinnington-mccomb.com](http://www.pinnington-mccomb.com).

### Nadene Werling

ANGOLA — Nadene C. Werling, 84, of Angola died at 5:10 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 25, 2010, at Lakeland Nursing Center.

Mrs. Werling was a homemaker.

She was a member of Peace Lutheran Church in Fremont.

Mrs. Werling loved

watching the Chicago Cubs and IU basketball. She also enjoyed reading, playing Euchre, spending time with her grandchildren and for many years, bowling.

She was a native of Fort Wayne.

Surviving are two daughters, Janet and Jetty Hakes of Fort Wayne and Diane and Larry Beaty of Angola; a son, Jerry "Turtle" and Linda Werling of Angola; her grandchildren, Shannon, Mitch, Patrick, Amy, Allison, J.J. and Kayden; a sister, Elenor Kacin of Naperville, Ill.; and a brother, Don and Shirley Bohner of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph Werling, in 1994.

Visitation was Monday at Tom Mungovan Funeral Home, 2221 S. Calhoun St., Fort Wayne.

Funeral services were Monday at the funeral home.

Burial was in St. John's Lutheran Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Humane Shelter and Peace Lutheran Church in Fremont.

### Roselyn Sowers

ALBION — Roselyn "Rosie" M. (White) Sowers, 84, of Albion died Monday, Nov. 29, 2010, at Hickory Creek Nursing Home at Kendallville.

She was born March 1, 1926, in Woodburn

to Silas and Effie White.

Surviving are her children, Tammy (Herb) Larter of Garrett, Nona Larue of Albion, Kirkland Sowers of Waterloo, Wade (Kathy) Sowers of Bronson, Mich., Vicky (Randy) Hastings of Kendallville and Shelly (Curtis) Fredrick of Albion; a brother, Elvin "Buck" (Naomi) White of Fort Wayne; a sister-in-law, Ardella White of Helmer; a brother-in-law, Joseph Handerson of Fort Wayne; 10 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 45 years Floyd Sowers in 1990; and her siblings, William White, Edna Dean, Irene Handerson, and Lillian Wesseler.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Gar Creek Union Cemetery, 15703 Gar Creek Road, New Haven.

Calling will be from 10 a.m. to noon Friday at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 S.R. 930 E., New Haven.

Memorials are to the family in care of Nona Larue.

Send online condolences to [www.harperfuneralhome.com](http://www.harperfuneralhome.com)



**Ms. Sowers**



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### **Nellis Kunce**

CROMWELL — Nellis Don Kunce, age 87, died Monday, November 29, 2010, as a result of a farm-related accident at his place of business.

He was born on July 19, 1923, in Noble County and was the son of Russell James and Floy Ellen (Williams) Kunce.

On March 5, 1944, in Warsaw he married Rosetta K. Snyder. She survives in Cromwell.

Mr. Kunce was a lifetime farmer and president of Kunce Brothers Grain Elevator when they were incorporated in 1978.

He was a member of the Wawasee Lakeside Chapel in Syracuse.

His passion was farming, he loved being able to help his customers he served and was known to go out of his way to help. He also enjoyed music, football and wrestling.

Surviving are his wife of 66 years, Rosetta Kunce; two sons and daughters-in-law, Nellis Roger and Sandra Kunce of Cromwell and James Douglas and Donna Kunce of Cromwell; five grandchildren, Brian Kunce, Brad Kunce, Cheryl Koher, Jill West and Nancy Lerch; and eight grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents; a daughter-in-law, Linda K. Kunce; two grandsons, Craig Kunce and Timothy Kunce; and a brother, Glen F. Kunce.

Funeral services for Mr. Kunce will be Friday, December 3, 2010, at 1 p.m. at Wawasee Lakeside Chapel, 10419 N. Turkey Creek Road, Syracuse, Ind.

Pastor Brad Cox and Pastor Harlan Steffen will officiate.

### **Haig Kacherian**

KENDALLVILLE — Haig L. Kacherian, 84, of Kendallville died Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2010.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. until the funeral at 1 p.m., at the church.

Burial will follow at Indian Village Cemetery, south of Cromwell.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorials be made to the Wawasee Lakeside Chapel.

Brazzell Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

To sign the online guest register book go to [www.brazzellfuneralhome.com](http://www.brazzellfuneralhome.com)

### **Don Noll**

HUDSON — Don O. Noll, 97, of Hudson died at 6:45 p.m. Monday, November 29, 2010, at his home.

Mr. Noll had retired after working 36 years as a milk hauler and 12 years as a field representative for County Line Cheese.

He was a 40-year member of the Hudson Volunteer Fire Department and a former chief of the department.

Mr. Noll was a member of the Hudson United Methodist Church.

He was born May 17, 1913, in Salem Township, Steuben County, to Samuel and Ida (Allen) Noll. He married Rose M. Kneubuhler on Dec. 11, 1937, in Angola. She died Nov. 25, 1995.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Johnny Lee "Joe" Noll of Ashley and Larry and Karen Noll of Ashley; a sister, Bessie Boyer of Angola; four grandchildren, Todd Noll, Yvette Carper, Chad Noll and Danielle Kaiser; and five great-grandchildren, Alexandria Noll, Carnation Noll, Reece Noll, Vance Noll and Coan Noll.

He was also preceded in death by a daughter-in-law, Sally Noll; and six brothers, Vern Noll, Cecil Noll, Nihlgler Noll, Dawson Noll, Dale Noll and Herschel "Mike" Noll.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with Pastor Craig E. Burkholder officiating. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Hudson Volunteer Fire Department or the Hudson United Methodist Church.

Send online condolences to [www.dalejohnsonfh.com](http://www.dalejohnsonfh.com).



## ALBION NEW ERA

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# **Farm accident claims Cromwell farmer-grain buyer**

CROMWELL, Ind. — A prominent Cromwell area farmer was killed in a farming accident at his place of business Monday morning.

Noble County Dispatch received a 911 call at approximately 10:12 a.m. Monday. When emergency

personnel arrived at 11203 W 75S in Noble County, it was discovered that an 87-year-old man had been run over by a semi-tractor trailer.

Nellis D. Kunce was apparently assisting with unloading the semi when he got too close to the rear semi wheels while the vehicle was being moved.

Assisting at the scene were the Noble County Sheriff's Department, Indiana State Police DOT (continued on page four)

## **Accident claims life of Cromwell farmer-grain buyer**

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Division, Cromwell Police,  
Noble County Emergency

Medical Service, and the  
Noble County Coroner.  
The truck driver from

South Whitley was not  
injured in the incident.

## **Dorothy L. Easterday, 65**

ALBION -- Dorothy L. Easterday, age 65, a resident at the Northridge Village Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Albion for the past several years, passed away there Wednesday, November 24, 2010 following an extended illness. She had previously live on North Orange Street in Albion and prior to that in Butler, Indiana.

Dorothy was born on June 16, 1945 in Hammond, Indiana a daughter of the late Howard and Minor (Moverhill) Hays. She was married on January 1, 1991 in Butler to Jerry L. Easterday, and was a homemaker.

Surviving in addition to her husband Jerry, are children, David (Jenni) Hayes, Kelly Hayes both of Kendallville, Howard Hayes of Three Rivers, Mi., Timothy Hayes of Orbin, Kansas, Jerry Leon (Karen) Easterday of Fremont, Betty (Kevin) Earle of Wheatfield, Susan Hayes of Lowell, and Renee Christine (Mark) Logan of Plainfield. Also one brother Joe (Shirley) Hays of Munster, and 18 grandchildren.

The family is following Dorothy's last wishes by not having any calling hours or service. Sheets and Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco are entrusted with the arrangements. A memorial service may be planned in the future.

You are invited to leave a condolence for the family, and may do so by clicking on, [www.sheetsandchilds.net](http://www.sheetsandchilds.net).

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## **Joyce Ann Boddiger, 65**

Joyce Ann Boddiger, age 65, of Ligonier, died on Saturday, November 27, 2010 at Avalon Village, Ligonier.

Mrs. Boddiger was born in Stone Coal, Kentucky on May 2, 1945 to the late Beverage and Ellen (Wicker) Wallen.

She married Paul C. Boddiger on November 28, 1989 in Kendallville.

Joyce was last employed as a cashier with Gas America in Ligonier.

She also owned two bars, one in Kendallville, and Pirates Cove in Ligonier.

She also was employed in the past at Kraft Foods in Kendallville.

Joyce liked to paint with colors and she enjoying craft-work. She loved animals, especially cats and dogs, and she loved to go shopping.

Survivors include her husband, Paul Boddiger of Ligonier; sons, Joey Uhl of Indianapolis and Kelly Uhl of Ligonier; two grandchildren, Chance and Cassiday Uhl of Indianapolis; sisters, Flossie and Sonny Strange of Elida, Ohio, Ethel Kline of Albion, Sue Lowder of Kendallville, Bertha and Bill Bryant of Kendallville, Pam and Everett Hovarter of Kendallville; brother, Claude Wallen of Hamilton, Indiana; special friend, Dixie Rice of Kendallville.

She was also preceded in death by her brothers and sisters-in-law, Clyde and June Moore and Cledis and Audrey Wallen; sister, Arvenie Wallen; and her brothers-in-law, Thurman Lowder and Fred Kline.

Funeral services were Wednesday, December 1, 2010 at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service was Rev. Morris Wicker.

Burial was at Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Preferred memorials may be made to American Cancer Society.

Casketbearers were Kevin Lowder, Mike Strange, Richard McGuire, Todd Bryant, Cris Terry, and Greg Blessing with honorary bearers, Chance Uhl and Seth Loftis.

Send a condolence to the family at [www.hitefuneral-home.com](http://www.hitefuneral-home.com)

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## **Robin Kay Foster, 49**

Robin Kay Foster, 49, of Albion died on Sunday, November 21, 2010 in her home in Albion.

Robin was born on August 28, 1961 in Albion to the late Robert Foster and Mary Rollins. She was a homemaker and had moved back to Albion 3 years ago, spending time in Topeka and Columbia City.

She is survived by 2 sons, Randy and Amanda Sheldandine of House Springs, MO and Brian Born of Columbia City; a daughter, Denise and Shane Morgan of Zanesville, Indiana.

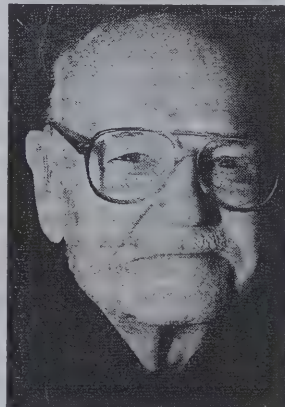
She is also survived by four grandchildren; four brothers, Rick Rollins, David Foster, Harold Foster and Scott Foster; four sisters, Vickey Hochstetler, Tammy Krook, Penny Rollins, and Sandy Herendeen.

In honor of Robin's request there will be no formal services and cremation will take place.

To sign the online guest register book or to leave the family a message go to [www.brazzellfuneralhome.com](http://www.brazzellfuneralhome.com).

## **Albert L. Pyle, 97**

Albert L. Pyle, 97, died Wednesday, November 24, 2010, at the Lutheran Life Villages Nursing Home, in Kendallville. He was a 20 year resident of Noble Co. and then retired to Florida. He was born in Bourbon, IN on Feb. 19, 1913 to Albert W. and Nora Gay Pyle. He married Dorothy Johnson of Etna Green, IN on June 25, 1931, who preceded him in death (1995). He worked as a land surveyor for the Soil Conservation Service and Indiana Michigan Light Co.



Two children survive Albert; Nancy (Jack) Cole, of Albion and Ernest (Sue) Pyle, of Churubusco. Three children preceded him in death, Jo Ann French, Allen Pyle and Ron Pyle. Survived by his sister, Roma Smith, Silver Lake, IN. He has 18 grandchildren, 44 great grandchildren and 10 great-great-grandchildren. He unselfishly donated his entire body to science, therefore his memorial will be in the hearts of those that knew and loved him. He truly was a good man.



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### **Russell Sherer, 87**

Russell Sherer, age 87, of Topeka, IN passed away Monday November 29, 2010 at 1:00 AM at his residence after a courageous battle with cancer.

Russell was born on March 23, 1923 in Topeka, Indiana to Russell & Laura Sherer Sr. On December 9, 1942 he married Arlene M. Gangwer.

Mr. Sherer was a lifetime resident of Topeka. He graduated from Topeka High School and attended Ford Trade School in Detroit, MI. Russell then went on to serve his country honorably in the United States Army from 1943-1945. He was also a member of the Topeka Baptist Church for many years as well as the the American Legion.

Russell worked as a salesman in the roofing industry for several years and retired from farming and RV transportation in the late 1970's.

Survivors include his wife, Arlene Scherer of Topeka, IN; four children, Connie Pounds of Boulder Creek, CA, Eugene (Tracy) Sherer of Wolcottville, IN, Peggy Wilson of Georgia, Nancy Sherer of Greer, SC; 10 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and two siblings.

A private family gathering will be held in his honor.

Memorial contributions are to the American Legion Post 381- 110 Kelly St., Rome City, IN 46784.

### **Barbara A. Zajac, 78**

Barbara A. Zajac, 78, of Albion, died on Sunday, November 21, 2010 at 11:55 A.M. at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Ms. Zajac was born on October 31, 1931 in Middletown, Ohio to the late Vernal D. and Margaret (Mack) Gross. She moved to Albion 10 years ago, coming from Cincinnati, Ohio. In her formative years she was a sales representative for various companies.

She is survived by two sons and one daughter-in-law, David and Judy Huckins of Durango CO, and James Daniel Huckins of Avilla; one daughter and son-in-law, Margaret and Ken Kline of Albion.

She is also survived by five granddaughters, one brother and sister-in-law, James and Sylvia Gross of Cincinnati, Ohio and one sister-in-law Bettie Gross of Wilmington, DE.

She was preceded in death by a son, Steven Huckins; a granddaughter Lindsay Huckins; her parents, and a brother.

Per Barbara's wishes there will be no services and cremation has taken place.

Ash burial will take place in Woodside Cemetery in Middletown, Ohio.

To sign the online guest register book go to [www.brazell-funeralhome.com](http://www.brazell-funeralhome.com)

## ALBION NEW ERA

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### **Leora Jean Hiatt, 86**

Leora "Snooks" Jean Hiatt, 86, passed away at Flagler Hospital on November, 23 2010.

She was born on July 30, 1924 in Avilla, IN. She grew up in Albion, IN and moved to Dunedin, FL in 1958 following the death of her husband a few years earlier. She worked in Dunedin at the Publix supermarket for 20 years. She later relocated to St. Augustine, FL in 2009 to be close to her family.



A graveside service will be held 1:00 p.m. Saturday at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion, IN, Pastor Mike Halferty officiating. A reception will follow immediately after the service at Lake House on Skinner Lake, 3045 E. SR 8, Albion, IN.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Bernard Max Hiatt of Albion, IN.

She is survived by her sons, Craig Hiatt of Colorado Springs, CO and Gary Hiatt of St. Augustine, FL; grandchildren, Melissa Hiatt of Jacksonville, FL, Erica Dwyer also of Jacksonville, FL and Andrew Hiatt of St. Augustine, FL; great-grandchild, Alexis Dwyer of Jacksonville, FL.

### **Chad Everett Hurst, 37**

Chad Everett Hurst, 37, of Kentwood, Michigan and formerly of Kendallville died on Wednesday, November 24, 2010 at 2:00 P.M. at his residence in Grand Rapids.

Chad was born on August 23, 1973 in Kendallville to Rodney and Linda (Mc Donald) Hurst, they both survive in Kendallville. He has lived the last two years in the Grand Rapids Michigan area, prior to that he was a lifetime Kendallville area resident.

On March 3, 2005 he married Tammie Rennee Crego Hurst, she survives in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Also surviving are four sons; Nickolas Everett, Tyler Chad, Brandon Keith and Triston Hurst. a daughter, Amber Nicole Hurst. Maternal Grandmother, Evalyn McDonald and a brother Bryan Hurst, both of Kendallville.

He was preceded in death by a son Chad Nicholas, Maternal Grandfather Orville McDonald and Paternal Grandparents Roy and Eunice Hurst.

Funeral services were held on Monday, November 29, 2010 at the Brazzell Funeral Homes, Avilla Chapel. 530 North Main Street, Avilla, Indiana 46710.

The Rev Willie Collins officiated the service.

Burial followed the service at Lakeview Cemetery in Kendallville.

To sign the online guest register book go to [www.brazzellfuneralhome.com](http://www.brazzellfuneralhome.com)

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## Roselyn Sowers, 84

Roselyn, "Rosie" M. (White) Sowers, 84, of Albion died Monday, Nov. 29, 2010, at Hickory Creek Nursing Home at Kendallville.

She was born March 1, 1926, in Woodburn to Silas and Effie White.

Surviving are her children, Tammy (Herb) Larter of Garrett, Nona Larue of Albion, Kirkland Sowers of Waterloo, Wade (Kathy) Sowers of Bronson, Mich., Vicky (Randy) Hastings

of Kendallville and Shelly (Curtis) Fredrick of Albion; a brother, Elvin "Buck" (Naomi) White of Fort Wayne; a sister-in-law, Ardella White of Helmer; a brother-in-law, Joseph Handerson of Fort Wayne; 10 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

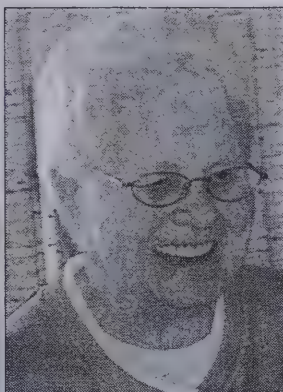
She was preceded in death by her parents; her siblings, William White, Edna Dean, Irene Handerson, and Lillian Wesseler.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Gar Creek Union Cemetery, 15703 Gar Creek Road, New Haven.

Calling will be from 10 a.m. to noon Friday at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 S.R. 930 E., New Haven.

Memorials to the family in care of Nona Larue, 721 W. Main St., Albion, IN 46701

Send online condolences to [www.harperfuneralhome.com](http://www.harperfuneralhome.com)





## Opal Frye, 81

Opal Gene (Rea) Frye, 81, of Pleasant Lake, Ind., formerly of Albion, died on Thursday, Nov. 25, 2010. "She was a loving mother, wife and grandmother."

Born Oct. 6, 1929, in Shawnee, Kan., she was the daughter of William E. Rea and Hazel F. (Schutt) Rea.

She maintained a very active role in the Pleasant Lake United Methodist Food Bank and other church ministries. She enjoyed watching the deer in her backyard, the hummingbirds, and helping others. She leaves behind her loving husband of 63 years, Jerome Price Frye; three children, Jerome E. "Jef" Frye, Kenneth D. Frye and Carole A. Frye, all of Pleasant Lake; brother, Bill (Diane) Rea of Columbia City; six grandchildren, Jeridan Frye, Jeff Frye, Holly Carter, Ty Frye, Braeden Wallen-Frye, and Jacob Phillips; and six great-grandchildren, Arianna Frye, Aliyah Frye, Logan Paris, Mariah Paris, Kaitlyn Phillips, and Kamdyn Phillips.

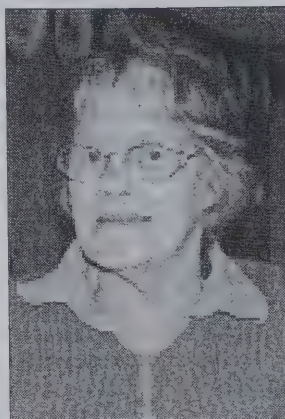
She was preceded in death by two sons, Larry R. Frye and Michael A. Frye, in 1997; and three brothers, Melvin Rea, William Rea and Charles Rea.

"She was loved by her family and the community and will be greatly missed by everyone whose life she touched."

Memorials can be made to Pleasant Lake United Methodist Church, Pleasant Lake, Indiana.

Services were held at Pleasant Lake United Methodist Church on Tuesday, November 30th, 2010.

She was laid to rest in Pleasant Lake Cemetery, Pleasant Lake, IN.



ALBION NEW ERA  
Albion, IN  
December 1, 2010, Wednesday

## **Mildred Marie Kettlebar, 85**

Mildred "Mid" Marie Kettlebar, 85, died at 7:50 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2010 in Goshen General Hospital, Goshen, following an extended illness.

She was a lifelong area resident, and retired from the U.S. Postal Service after over 35 years of service.

She loved to travel, and was an avid Cubs and Indiana University fan. She enjoyed gardening, caring for dogs and birds, and was an avid reader.

On Sept. 15, 1925, she was born in Ligonier to John and Alice (Adair) Kettlebar.

Survivors include: a sister, Mary Alice Rex of Port Royal, S.C.; multiple nieces and nephews including her special caregivers, Carol (Steve) Reed of South Whitley, Ind., Dawn Wiley of Fort Wayne, Ind., and Marcia (Larry) Yoder of Ligonier. Other nieces and nephews include: Dixie (Kenneth) Soice, Kathy Kettlebar, Sharon (Ted) Johnson, Michael (Rose) Kettlebar, Randy (Sandra) Wiley, Doug Wiley, Ben Glaser, Heidi Johnson, Tony (Joanne) Rex and Lynn Rex Smith. Preceding her in death were: her parents, five brothers, Wilbur, Alvin, Calvin, Tom and Max Kettlebar, and two sisters, Wanda Wiley and Clotha Glaser.

A graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 3, 2010, in Thorn Cemetery, Ormas, IN, with celebrant Larry Baker officiating.

Memorial contributions are to the American Lung Association, 115 W. Washington St., Suite 1180-S, Indianapolis IN 46204 or Noble County Humane Shelter, 1305 Sherman St., P.O. Box 471, Kendallville IN 46755.

ALBION NEW ERA

Albion, IN

December 1, 2010, Wednesday

**Richard Paul Stolte, 87**

Richard Paul Stolte, age 87, died on Sunday, November 28, 2010 at his home in Albion.

He was born on April 29, 1923 in Wanatah, Indiana and was the son of Paul G. and Lillian Iva (Keehn) Stolte.

Mr. Stolte graduated from Union Mills High School in the class of 1941. He came to the Noble County area in March of 1963, coming from LaCross, Indiana. He also spent some time living in LaPorte.

On August 28, 1948 he married Ruth E. Bierly in Argos, Indiana, she died on June 11, 1991, and on November 26, 1994 he married Mary L. Gilbert Owen in Albion.

She survives in Albion.

He was a lifetime area dairy farmer, and was a lifetime member of the National Holstein Association, Indiana Holstein Association and Indiana Farm Bureau. Mr. Stolte was also a member of the Historical Society of Noble county and AARP, and of the First Presbyterian Church in Albion.

Other survivors include a son, Brian Stolte of Albion; two daughters, Connie (Jerald) Karst of Wawaka and Peggy

Stolte of Albion. Two grandchildren, Aleatha (Joe) Meyer and Valorie Slaughter, 6 great grandchildren, and a sister, Irene Gainus of Mill Spring, North Carolina.

Also surviving are his step-children, Ned (Ida) Owen of Fort Wayne, Jed (Karen) Owen of Carmel, Gilbert (Nelda) Owen of Albion, Wanda (Larry) True-love of Albion, Christine Owen of Albion and Cindy Galuoppo.

He is preceded in death by his parents, a sister, Lucille Pierce and a brother Ralph Stolte.

Funeral services were on Wednesday, December 1, 2010 at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel. Rev. Stanley Wilson officiated.

Graveside followed the funeral at Patton Cemetery

in LaPorte.

Please make memorials in memory of Richard Stolte to the First Presbyterian church in Albion.



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December 2, 2010, Thursday

### **Mary Stevens**

ANGOLA — Mary L. (Schermerhorn) Stevens, 94, of Angola, passed away Monday, Nov. 29, 2010.

She was born in Wolcottville on Oct. 31, 1916, to John H. and Edna (Miller) Schermerhorn Sr.



She was honored this past summer as the oldest living alumni from Rome City High School where she was valedictorian of her class. After high school she graduated with a degree in education from Manchester College and continued her Master's studies at Ball State and Indiana University. She was an avid Indiana Hoosier basketball fan. She began her teaching career in a one-room schoolhouse in LaGrange County, then in Avilla, Plymouth and Angola where she taught at Hendry Park Elementary and completed her teaching career at Angola Middle School.

On June 12, 1949, she and Charles E. Stevens were the first couple to be married in the Brimfield Methodist Church, Brimfield, Indiana.

She was a 61-year member of the Angola United Methodist Church where she was active in the Lydia Circle. An avid bridge player until three years ago, she treasured her lady friends, many who were in the same club for over fifty years.

### **Mrs. Stevens**

Mary was a quiet and faithful servant of the Lord who had a meaningful and lasting impact on the lives she touched. She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles E. Stevens (1995), one sister, Margaret McWilliams (2005) and two brothers, John H. Schermerhorn, Jr. (2007) and Robert W. Schermerhorn (1944).

Surviving are a son, John Stevens (Julie) and a daughter, Ginny Stevens, both of Angola, and three grandchildren, Megan Stevens of Louisville, Ky., Will Stevens of Fort Wayne and Zachary Sparks of Angola. Also surviving are 15 nieces and nephews, and 87 great- and great-great nieces and nephews.

Services will be Sunday at 5 p.m. at the Angola United Methodist Church, Angola, with the Rev. Tim Terrell officiating. Calling will be at the church from 2 p.m. until the time of the service at 5 p.m. Additional calling will be at the H.E. Johnson and Sons Funeral Home, 108 S. West Street, Angola, on Saturday from 5-7 p.m.

A private family burial of the cremains of both Mary and Charles will take place at a later date in the Schermerhorn family plot at Orange Township Cemetery, Noble County.

Memorials may be made to the Angola United Methodist Church, 220 West Maumee Street, Angola, IN 46703.

H.E. Johnson and Sons Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of the arrangements. Condolences may be sent to [www.hejohnsonfh.com](http://www.hejohnsonfh.com).

### **Haig Kacherian**

KENDALLVILLE — Haig Levon Kacherian, 84, currently of Kendallville and formerly of Indianapolis and Sarasota, Fla., died Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2010, at Kendallville Manor Health Care Center.



**Mr. Kacherian**

Mr. Kacherian was born in Indianapolis on Feb. 18, 1926, to the late Mark and Ida (Carnes) Kacherian.

He graduated from Shoals High School in 1944 and entered the United States Navy where he served his country from 1944-46.

He married Madonna Ruth Akard on October 5, 1947.

Haig was a real estate broker and employed with A.H.M. Graves Realtors in Indianapolis and U.S. Homes in Florida.

Survivors include his wife of 63 years, Madonna Kacherian of Kendallville; a daughter and son-in-law, Annette and Edward Weber of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, Haig and Diana Kacherian of Osprey, Fla.; grandchildren, Holly Goe of Pittsburgh, Pa., Brad and Tonya Rummel of Kendallville, Kerry Kacherian of Bradenton, Fla., and Amber Kacherian of Logan, Utah; a great-granddaughter, Olivia Rummel of Kendallville; and a sister, Fran Ferrell of Colorado.

Memorial services will be scheduled at a later date.

Condolences may be left at [www.hitefuneralhome.com](http://www.hitefuneralhome.com).

Arrangements are entrusted to Hite Funeral Home, 403 South Main Street, Kendallville.

## **Martha Eagleson**

**BARTON LAKE —**  
Martha F. Eagleson, 81, of  
Barton Lake, died Tuesday  
Nov. 30, 2010, at 8:10 p.m.  
at Parkview Hospital, Fort  
Wayne.

Funeral services will be  
Saturday at 11 a.m. at the  
Carney-Frost Funeral Home,  
LaGrange. Burial will be in  
Miller Cemetery, Shippsh-  
wana. Calling will be Friday  
from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the  
funeral home.

## **Joseph Foley**

**ANGOLA —** Joseph  
Foley, 88, of Angola, and  
formerly of South Bend,  
died Tuesday, Nov. 30,  
2010, at Cameron  
Memorial Hospital,  
Angola.

Mr. Foley was an  
engineer at Bendix Corp.  
of South Bend and retired  
from Fluor Corp. in  
California. He graduated  
from the Massachusetts  
Maritime Academy of  
Buzzards Bay, Mass. and  
was in the Merchant  
Marines.

He was born July 30,  
1922, in Boston, Mass., to  
Joseph A. and Helen  
(Cunningham) Foley.

He married Barbara  
Wall on Oct. 29, 1944.

Surviving are a son,  
Joseph Foley of Chicago,  
Ill.; three daughters and  
sons-in-law, Barbara and  
James Dyer of North  
Franklin, Conn., Kathleen  
and Kirk Harmon of  
Angola and Susan and  
Steve Suggs of Vail, Colo.;  
two sisters, Florence  
Cunniff of Boston, Mass.,  
and Helen Vaughn of  
Meredith, N.H.; 10  
grandchildren; and four  
great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in  
death by his parents, his  
wife, Barbara E. (Wall)  
Foley on June 3, 2006, and  
a sister, Marie McCusker.

A funeral Mass will be  
conducted Friday at 11  
a.m. at St. Anthony of  
Padua Catholic Church,  
Angola, with Father Fred  
Pasche officiating.

Calling will be one hour  
prior to service time at the  
church.

Burial will be in  
Greenlawn Cemetery,  
Orland.

Memorials are to St.  
Anthony of Padua Catholic  
Church, Angola.

Condolences may be left  
at [www.weichtfh.com](http://www.weichtfh.com).

The Weicht Funeral  
Home of Angola is in  
charge of arrangements.

**THE NEWS SUN**  
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December 3, 2010, Friday

**Laruetta Stoner**

SYRACUSE — Laurretta Violetta (Kolberg) Stoner, 84, of Syracuse died Thursday, Dec. 2, 2010, at Miller's Merry Manor in Syracuse.

Arrangements are pending at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier.

**Madeline Bordine**

CHURUBUSCO — Madeline Mary Bordine, 86, of Columbia City and formerly of Churubusco died Sunday, Nov. 28, 2010.

There will be no calling hours or services. Entombment will be at a later date in the Glen Eden Lutheran Memorial Park Cemetery in Lavonia, Mich.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of arrangements.

**Norman Thomas**

SOUTH BEND — Norman E. Thomas, 76, of South Bend died Wednesday at Healthwin Nursing Home in South Bend.

Arrangements are pending at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier.

**Sherry Jordan**

KENDALLVILLE — Sherry Shay Jordan, 44, of Kendallville died Thursday, Dec. 2, 2010, in Kendallville.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville.

**Paul Bonnett Sr.**

GARRETT — Paul D. Bonnett Sr., 83, of Ossian and formerly Garrett died Thursday, Dec. 2, 2010, at Ossian Health and Rehab Center.

Mr. Bonnett was an enameller at Rea Magnet Wire in Fort Wayne for 31 years, retiring in 1988.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

Mr. Bonnett was a member of the United Faith Presbyterian Church in Fort Wayne and the Garrett American Legion Post 178 and the Rea Magnet Wire 25 Year Club.

He was born Dec. 13, 1926, in Garrett to Carl E. and Beryl E. (Davis) Bonnett and they preceded him in death. He married Iona I. (Arnold) VanOsdale on Nov. 5, 1966, in Fort Wayne. She survives in Ossian.

Also surviving are a son, Paul D. Bonnett Jr. of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Lana "Susie" Myers of Portland, Ore.; a stepdaughter, Joan M. Hey of Ossian; two stepsons, Bernie A. VanOsdale of River Falls, Wis., and Doug W. VanOsdale of Indianapolis; 10 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and a sister, Judith Becker of Fort Wayne.

Paul was preceded in death by his parents and 2 sisters: Mary Jean Custer and Shirley Ann Bonnett.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett with Pastor Hal Thomas officiating. Burial will take place at a later date in Christian Union Cemetery in Garrett.

Visitation will be from 1-3 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the United Faith Presbyterian Church in Fort Wayne.

Send a condolence or sign the on-line register book by visiting

[www.thomasfuneralhome.org](http://www.thomasfuneralhome.org)



**THE NEWS SUN**  
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December 4, 2010, Saturday

## Cameron Amber

**CHURUBUSCO —** Cameron Robert Amber, 20, a resident of Churubusco, passed away at 6:35 p.m. on Thursday, December 2, 2010, from injuries he sustained in a two-vehicle accident on U.S. 33, south of Churubusco.



**Mr. Amber**

Cameron was born on February 5, 1990, in Columbia City, a son of Robert C. and Marna (Friskney) Amber, and was a lifelong resident of Churubusco.

He graduated from Churubusco High School in 2009, and was the school's quarterback for its semi-state football team in 2007.

Cameron had served with the U. S. Air Force, coached Churubusco Youth Football, and enjoyed his diesel truck.

He had been employed at 80/20 in Columbia City since August.

The surviving relatives include his parents, Bob and Marna Amber of Churubusco; two sisters, Ashton (James Ford) Amber of Fort Wayne and Taylor Amber, a student at Huntington University; his brother, Carlin Amber, at home; his paternal grandparents, Don and Patty Amber of Churubusco; his maternal grandmother, Marjorie Friskney of Albion; his fiancée Nicole Pippenger of Avilla; and a nephew, Braylon McCoy.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Willis J. Friskney on August 1, 2010.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a. m. on Monday, December 6, 2010, at the Churubusco United Methodist Church, with Pastors Corinne K. Boruff and Timothy Grable, officiating.

The family will receive friends at the church on Sunday from 2 to 8 p.m., and one hour prior to the service Monday morning.

Interment will be in the Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

In lieu of flowers, memorials should be directed to Churubusco Youth Football; or the trust for the child of Cameron and Nicole in care of Star Financial Bank.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of the arrangements.

To leave an online condolence for the family in memory of Cameron, log on to [www.sheetsandchilds.net](http://www.sheetsandchilds.net)

## Norman Thomas

**SOUTH BEND —** Norman Eugene Thomas, 76, of South Bend died Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2010, at Healthwin Nursing Home in South Bend.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Zimmerman-Inman Funeral Home, 1109 Lincolnway West, Osceola, with Pastor Patrick Blevins officiating. Burial will follow at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens.

Visitation will be from 3-8 p.m. Sunday and 1 hour prior to the funeral service on Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to One Accord Christian Fellowship.

The Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier is assisting the family with arrangements.

# Crash kills 20-year-old Churubusco man

**CHURUBUSCO —** A Churubusco man was killed in a head-on crash on U.S. 33 Thursday night.

Cameron R. Amber, 20, died as a result of blunt force trauma in the crash.

Amber was driving north in a Ford on U.S. 33 near Carroll road when his vehicle struck a southbound

Pontiac.

Amber graduated from Churubusco Jr./Sr. High School in 2009. He was the quarterback of the school's football team. More recently, he worked as a machinist in Columbia City. He and his fiancée have a baby due in May.

A full obituary for Amber is on page A4.

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## Virginia Dunn

AUBURN — Virginia W. Dunn, 92, died Friday, December 3, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Dunn was co-owner of DeKalb Construction and also served as secretary and treasurer for eight years, retiring in 1980.



**Mrs. Dunn**

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Auburn and was past secretary of the women's group of the church. She was also a founding member of the Sigma Phi Gamma.

She was born Jan. 16, 1918, in Kalamazoo, Mich., to Harry W. and Minnie M. (Harrigar) Waite.

She married Lynn W. Dunn on July 1, 1938, in Detroit, Mich. He passed away Jan. 5, 2008.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Gary M. and Susan Dunn of Auburn, and Richard C. and Shirley Dunn of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Lynda D. and Guy Lane Smith of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren and their spouses, Brian Smith, Daniel and Jennifer Mark Smith, Gregory and Patty Reyes Smith, Ryan Dunn, and Laura Dunn; and two great-grandchildren, Victoria Smith and Grayson Smith.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Lewis H. Waite and Edward H. Waite; a sister, Ardith B. Conway; and a great-grandchild, Tyler Smith.

Services will be 11 a.m. Monday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with visitation one hour prior to the service. The Rev. Dale Williams and the Rev. Ted Jansen will officiate.

Calling will also be from 2-5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the First United Methodist Church in Auburn.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit [www.fellerandclark.com](http://www.fellerandclark.com).

## Joe Krider

CHURUBUSCO — Joe W. Krider, 94, of rural Churubusco, died at 7:40 a.m. on Friday, December 3, 2010, at his home.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with his son, the Rev. Eldon L. Krider, officiating. Interment will be in the Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Calling is Monday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to Good News Baptist Church or Parkview Home Health & Hospice.

## Loretta Stoner

SYRACUSE — Loretta Violetta (Kolberg) Stoner, 84, of Syracuse died Thursday, Dec. 2, 2010, at Miller's Merry Manor in Syracuse.

Memorial services will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier.

Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. Tuesday prior to the service.

Memorials are to Goshen Home Health & Hospice, 1926 W. Lincoln Ave., Goshen, IN 46526.

## Burton Mahler

LAGRANGE — Burton E. Mahler, 70, of LaGrange died Thursday, Dec. 2, 2010, at his residence.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Funeral services will be held at 6 p.m. immediately following visitation.

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**Timothy Tackett**

KENDALLVILLE — Timothy Lee Tackett, age 50, of Kendallville, died unexpectedly on Thursday, December 2, 2010, at his residence in Kendallville.

Tim was born in Melvin, Kentucky, on June 19, 1960, to the late Clyde Tackett and Norine (Johnson) Bowers.



**Mr. Tackett**

He was employed in the maintenance department with Lutheran Life Villages (formerly Shepherd of the Hill nursing home) and The Lamplighter both in Kendallville.

Tim enjoyed staying busy working with his hands and doing odd jobs around the house and for others.

He loved spending time with his nephew, Cody, and taking care of his dog, Sadie.

Tim was an avid Pittsburg Steelers fan.

Survivors include two brothers, Joe and Jaine Tackett of Kendallville and Lonnie Tackett of Rome City; a sister, Phoebe and Thomas Strange of Kendallville; three nieces, Melinda and Ryan Debusk of Huntertown, Kierstynn Strange of Kendallville and Whitney Tackett of Rome City; three nephews, Cody Tackett and Logan Strange of Kendallville and Landan Tackett of Rome City; a great-nephew, Keillan Debusk of Huntertown; his stepfather, Clifford Bowers of Kendallville; and close friends, Dave Weber and Jeff Brumbaugh, both of Kendallville.

He was also preceded in death by an infant brother, Darrell.

There will be a gathering of family and friends on Monday, December 6, 2010, from 2-4 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St. in Kendallville.

No funeral services are scheduled.

Send a condolence to the family or view a video tribute of Timothy by Monday, December 6, 2010, at [www.hitefuneralhome.com](http://www.hitefuneralhome.com).



# Doctor started lives, enjoyed his

BY DAVE KURTZ

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AUBURN — Michael K. Webb, M.D., of Auburn delivered some 9,000 babies in his career.

Almost anywhere he went, people reminded him of his role in starting new lives.

"We were in Aruba one time, and somebody came up and said, 'Dr. Webb, remember this kid?'" said Webb's wife, Flo.

Dr. Webb also lived a rich life outside the delivery room, his wife and friends said in remembering him. He died Oct. 28 at his home in Auburn, claimed by cancer one week after his 72nd birthday.

Born in Auburn, Webb graduated from Auburn High School and earned a medical degree at Indiana University. He served as a physician in the Air Force, and during that time decided to specialize in obstetrics and gynecology, Mrs. Webb said.

Dr. Webb practiced in Indianapolis before returning to his hometown in 1981. He married Flo a year later.

Jayne McClellan knew the Webbs as friends and also worked with Dr. Webb in her career as a nurse.

"He always treated the nurses wonderfully," McClellan said. "He was an excellent, excellent obstetrician. I don't believe there would be a nurse or doctor who worked with him who wouldn't have high praise for his professionalism and his nice personality."

McClellan said she and her husband joined the Webbs to play Trivial Pursuit long after the game lost its fad status.

Dr. Webb spent even more time playing his guitars.

"Michael used to serenade me quite a bit" around the house, Flo Webb said.



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

**Dr. Michael Webb, left, of Auburn performs with Mary Alice Aschleman in a country music concert by Earle's Country Jam in 2009 at the DeKalb County Outdoor Theater.**

One day, Earl Healy of Auburn invited Dr. Webb to join a country music group that played in Healy's basement. They eventually began performing in public at an Auburn coffee shop and later on the DeKalb Outdoor Theater's stage.

"It was one of the most fun things Mike did after retirement," Flo said.

Dr. Webb joined a second regular music session at Rooster's in downtown Butler.

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"He came over and played with us every Tuesday night," said Lee Kallsen of Antwerp, Ohio. "He said it was kind of like therapy for him, he enjoyed it — and we enjoyed having him."

Kallsen's group entertained at nursing homes, where Dr. Webb liked to play "Old MacDonald's Farm" and invite residents to make the animal sounds.

"They just loved it," Kallsen said.

Dr. Webb's introduction to music came from his mother, Florence, a professional musician who played organ and piano at the Emboyd theater in Fort Wayne (now the Embassy) and for country music bands at Buck Lake Ranch near Angola.

"When his family would get together, everybody played something. There was a lot of music," Flo Webb said.

In a highlight of Dr. Webb's last few months, his son, Greg, visited regularly for jam sessions on their guitars.

On one special occasion this year, the doctor and his two sons went to Sweetwater Sound in Fort Wayne, where he bought a treasured Gretsch guitar.

Dr. Webb also treasured the Chicago Cubs baseball team. In the 1980s, Flo sent him to a Cubs fantasy camp in Scottsdale, Ariz., where he practiced and played alongside retired major league stars.

"It was the best gift that I was ever able to give him," she said.

Flo Webb and McClellan describe Dr. Webb as a great jokester and story-teller.

"He made me laugh every day," Flo Webb said.

Dr. Webb saw the humor when he served as team doctor for the DeKalb Barons football squad in the mid-1980s. He called himself "probably the only OB-GYN football team doctor in the country."

Dr. Webb kept his good humor through his terminal illness.

"He just didn't complain much," McClellan said. "He tried to make it easy on everyone."

All six of the doctor's children gathered at his home in Auburn on the final day of his life, Flo Webb said.

His family is making plans to establish a scholarship in Dr. Webb's name to support a DeKalb High School graduate who intends to study medicine.

### **June Jerome**

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — June Evelyn Kennedy Jerome, 92, died Nov. 29, 2010, at her home in Colorado Springs, Colo. Burial will be in Grace Hill Cemetery, Perry, Okla.

### **Raymond Wolf**

ROME CITY — Raymond Wolf, 94, died Saturday morning in the emergency room at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville. Funeral services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

**THE NEWS SUN**  
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December 5, 2010, Sunday

### Sherry Jordan

KENDALLVILLE — Sherry Shay Jordan, 44, of Kendallville, died unexpectedly Thursday, Dec. 2, 2010, at 9:30 a.m. in Kendallville.

Mrs. Jordan graduated from East Noble High School in 1985. She worked as the bar manager at Josh's Bar & Grill in Kendallville for 11 years.

She was a member of the VFW Post 2749 Auxiliary and Kendallville Moose Lodge 1301.

Sherry enjoyed Cowboys football, NASCAR and especially Dale

Earnhart, Jr., shuffleboard, and drag racing. She dearly loved her family and friends.

She was born Sept. 26, 1966, in Kendallville to Russell L. Muscello Sr. and Sandra K. (Mortimore) Muscello. On Dec. 31, 1991, in Kendallville she married Charles Jordan, Jr..

Surviving are her husband, Charles Jordan, Jr. of Kendallville; a daughter and son-in-law, Shay and Russell Owsley of LaGrange; four grandchildren, Caden Owsley, Noah Owsley, Rebekah Owsley, and Isabel Owsley, all of LaGrange; her mother, Sandra Muscello of Wolcottville; a brother, Russell L. Muscello, Jr. of Wolcottville; her mother-in-law, Alva Jordan of Avilla; a grandmother-in-law, Lorine Sizemore of Wolcottville; a niece, Jennifer Jordan of Avilla; and a nephew, Cory Jordan of Avilla.



**Mrs. Jordan**

She was preceded in death by her father, Russell L. Muscello, Sr. on June 18, 2010; her father-in-law, Charles F. Jordan, Sr.; and three nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 South State St., Kendallville, with Pastor G. Scott Pattison of Trinity Church United Methodist, Kendallville officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Honorary casketbearers will be Terry Roberts, Bill Walkup, Wilbur Walkup, Floyd Ferguson, Mike Wert, Terry Napier, Jerry Napier, Jim Baker, Don Rhinesmith, Dave Kline and Todd Mase.

Active casketbearers will be Rex Appel, Travis Yontz, Seth Cox, Ken Noragon, Bobby Spillner and Jason Wert.

Calling will be Monday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. in the funeral home and one hour prior to the service on Tuesday.

Memorials are to the Boomerang Backpack program.

View a video tribute after Monday or send condolences to the family at [www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com).

### Neva Maraldo

FORT WAYNE — Neva M. Maraldo, 80, went to be with our Lord Saturday, Dec. 4, 2010 in Fort Wayne.

Born in Cavasso Nuovo, Italy, she was a homemaker, who loved to sew, knit, crochet and was a wonderful cook.



**Mrs. Maraldo**

Surviving are her husband, Dino Maraldo of Fort Wayne; daughter, Sandra (Phillip) Shirmeyer of Wolcottville; grandchildren, Roslyn (Mike) Smyth, Charley (Christina) Shirmeyer, Andrew (Elonda) Shirmeyer, all of Fort Wayne; and great grandchildren, Joseph and Evelyn Smyth, Stephen and Sienna Shirmeyer.

Mass of Christian Burial is 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 4916 Trier Road, Fort Wayne, with Msgr. John N. Suelzer officiating, and calling one hour prior. Calling also will be 4-8 p.m. Monday at D.O. McComb and Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Rd., Fort Wayne, with a 4 p.m. vigil service. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Memorials may be made to Parkview Hospice or St. Charles Catholic School Tuition Assistance. To sign the online guest book, go to [www.mccombandsons.com](http://www.mccombandsons.com).



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**Bill Shetley**

AUBURN — Bill J. Shetley Sr., 62, of Auburn died Saturday, Dec. 4, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.



**Mr. Shetley**

Mr. Shetley was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving for 11 years.

He then retired from the City of Auburn where he worked for the Water Treatment Plant.

He was a member of the American Legion Post 97 of Auburn.

He was an avid fisherman and camper and loved the outdoors, but his true passion was his family and the numerous family gatherings.

He was born March 28, 1948, in Waco, Texas, to James W. and Doris M. (Gray) Shetley. They both preceded him in death.

He married Hettie J. Johnston on Sept. 25, 1976, in El Paso, Texas. She survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Jessica and Trent Curran of Auburn; two sons and daughters-in-law, Billie Jr. and Glinda Shetley of Auburn, and Jason and Amanda Shetley of Auburn; a brother and sister-in-law, Jack and Colleen Shetley of Waterloo; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Betty and Don Zinn of Kansas, and Patricia and Franklin Swearngan of N. Carolina; and 14 grandchildren; Zyla Shetley, Trent Curran Jr., Billie Shetley III, Zesha Shetley, Jesse Curran, Zain Shetley, Austin Curran, Andrew Shetley, Haleigh Shetley, Oliva Shetley,

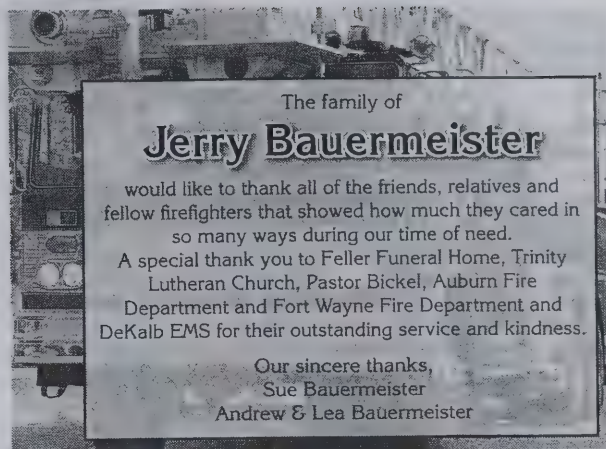
Trevor Shetley, Nathan Shetley, Noah Shetley and Synndel DeWitt.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with visitation from noon until 1 p.m. prior to the service. The Rev. Edward R. Hughes will officiate. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn, with military graveside services being conducted by the U.S. Army and American Legion Post 97 of Auburn.

Calling will also be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the family in care of Hettie Shetley.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit [www.fellerandclark.com](http://www.fellerandclark.com).



The family of

**Jerry Bauermeister**

would like to thank all of the friends, relatives and fellow firefighters that showed how much they cared in so many ways during our time of need.

A special thank you to Feller Funeral Home, Trinity Lutheran Church, Pastor Bickel, Auburn Fire Department and Fort Wayne Fire Department and DeKalb EMS for their outstanding service and kindness.

Our sincere thanks,  
Sue Bauermeister  
Andrew & Lea Bauermeister

**R. Gene Snook**

GARRETT — R. Gene Snook, 80, died Sunday, Dec. 5, 2010 at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

A full obituary will appear in Tuesday's edition of this newspaper.

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## Raymond Wolf

ROME CITY —  
Raymond Oscar Wolf, 94, of Rome City, died on Saturday, December 4, 2010 at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville, Indiana.



**Mr. Wolf**

Mr. Wolf was born in South Milford, Indiana on December 26, 1915 to the late Trevor and Ullie (Castator) Wolf Russell. He served his country in the United States Army from 1942-1945 during WWII. He married Helen Charlotte Wise on October 18, 1947 in Fort Wayne.

Raymond was employed in the past at Wayne Pump Company. He retired in 1978 from Lincoln National Life Insurance Company after 26 years. He was supervisor of data processing. In 1970, Ray and Helen together built and currently operate the Northport Mobile Home Court, north of Rome City.

He was a member of the Airstream RV Association for over 30 years and traveled all over the United States, Canada, the Maritime Provinces and Mexico. He was past president of the Fort Wayne Chapter of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International. Ray and Helen are members of the Messiah Lutheran Church near Wolcottville and he was also a member of the Rome City Lions Club.

## Roger Johnson

KNAPP LAKE —  
Roger Johnson, 35, of Knapp Lake in Kimmell died Sunday, Dec. 5, 2010. Arrangements are pending at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier.

## Joan Doll

CROMWELL — Joan Doll, 87, of Cromwell died Sunday, Dec. 5, 2010, at Miller's Merry Manor in Syracuse.

Arrangements are pending at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Survivors include his wife of 63 years, Helen Wolf of Rome City; two sons, James and Lisa Wolf of Fort Wayne and Thomas and Cindy Wolf of Hoagland; two granddaughters, Amanda and Tim Crutchfield of Columbia City and Kristen Wolf of Fort Wayne; one grandson, Matthew and Nikki Wolf of Bloomington; and five great-grandchildren, Carter, Lauren, and Hayden Wolf and Ethan and Logan Crutchfield.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Stephen Wolf, and triplet daughters.

Funeral services will at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 7, 2010 at Messiah Lutheran Church near Wolcottville with visitation before the service beginning at 10:00 a.m. Officiating the funeral service will be the Rev. James Tews.

Preferred Memorials may be made to Messiah Lutheran Church.

Arrangements are entrusted to Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville. Send condolences to the family at [www.hitefuneralhome.com](http://www.hitefuneralhome.com)

## Willow Coonce

QUINCY, Mich. —  
Willow Dean Coonce, 87, of Quincy and formerly of Detroit, Mich., and Kinderhook, Mich., died Saturday, Dec. 4, 2010, at Drews Place of Coldwater, Mich.

She was born May 21, 1923, in Calloway County, Ky., to Roy George and Nettie (James) Miller and had worked at Sears-Roebuck Co. for over 37 years as manager and bookkeeper.

Willow was active in organizing Lakeland School and was a member of the Women of the Moose Lodge 2034 and American Legion Auxiliary Post #257, both of Fremont, Ind. On February 20, 1943, she married Guy Carson Coonce and he preceded her in death in 1971.

Survivors include daughter Martha Leskowskyak of Fremont; sons James (Carolyn) Coonce of Quincy and Timothy Alan (Joann) Coonce of Fort Wayne, Ind.; eight grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Bobbie Jean Stemen; and a son-in-law William Leskowskyak.

Services will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the George White Funeral Chapel, Quincy, with the Rev. David Pierce officiating. Interment will follow in Allen Cemetery. Visitation is scheduled Tuesday from 4-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

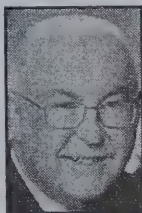
Memorials are to the Fremont American Legion Auxiliary, Fremont Women of the Moose, Alzheimer's Association or Southern Care Hospice of Jackson.



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**Robert Arend Sr.**

MARK CENTER, Ohio — Robert E. Arend Sr., age 82, of Mark Center passed away Sunday, December 5, 2010, in the Defiance In-Patient Hospice Center after a year-long struggle with cancer.



**Mr. Arend**

Bob was born on April 6, 1928, the son of the late John and Marjorie (Greek) Arend.

He served his country in the Korean Conflict and was a member of the Sherwood American Legion.

He was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Hicksville, Ohio, and a former member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Cecil, Ohio.

He was an avid private pilot and member of the International Flying Farmers, International Cessna 195 Association and a charter member of the former Defiance County Flying Club. He enjoyed flying, working on his farm, roller skating to organ music, camping, playing pinochle, and spending time with his wife of 57 years and his family.

On June 20, 1953, he married Martha J. Clouse, who survives.

He worked for 44 years at Greif Corporation (fka Continental Can and Drum) in Van Wert, Ohio.

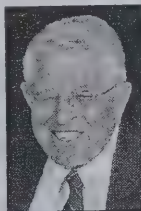
Surviving are his 10 children: Robert (Sue) E. Arend, Mark Center; Janice (Tim) Dickerson, Celina; Lisa (Dan) Blosser, Bryan; Marcia Mitchell, Bryan; Geraldine (Gregory) Gause, Mark Center; Michelle (Gordon) Penny; Daniel (Jennifer) Arend, Ohio City;

**Ronald Rose**

ANGOLA — Ronald H. Rose, 83, of Angola, Ind., died Saturday, December 4, 2010, in Wauchula, Florida.

Mr. Rose was the co-owner of Booth Rose Realty in Angola, Ind.

He had served as Steuben County Treasurer for eight years and as a Steuben County councilman for eight years.



**Mr. Rose**

Aimee (Jeffery) Taylor, West Unity; Jennifer (Jay) Brown, Defiance; and Howard (Katie) Arend, Sherwood. Also surviving are 32 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 9, 2010, at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Hicksville, Ohio, with Father Jim Holerin of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Bryan, presiding.

Interment will follow in the Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Cecil, Ohio.

Friends may call on Wednesday, December 8, 2010, from 2-5 and 6-8: at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, Ohio.

Preferred memorials are to Inspired Ink, Sherwood, Ohio; for Masses in memory of Bob, to the American Cancer Society or Community Health Professionals Inpatient Hospice.

Online condolences may be shared at

[www.smithbrownfuneralhome.com](http://www.smithbrownfuneralhome.com).

Mr. Rose served on the board of directors of the Angola State Bank.

He was a member of the Northeast Indiana Board of Realtors, NATMUS of the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum, Angola American Legion Post 31, Captain's Cabin Screwball Club and a former member of the Angola Lions Club.

He was a 1944 graduate of Angola High School and a 1948 graduate of Tri-State College in Angola.

Mr. Rose was a U.S. Navy veteran.

He was born December 21, 1926, in Angola, Ind., to Graydon H. and H. Wilmet (Aldrich) Rose. He married Barbara Penner on March 17, 1950. She survives in Angola.

Also surviving are two daughters, Kathy (Greg) Aldrich of Angola and Karen (Jerry) Brown of Wauseon, Ohio; a brother, Charles (Donna) Rose of Bluffton, South Carolina; two sisters, Harriet (Paul) Auginbaugh of St. Petersburg, Florida, and Martha Latson of Angola; and five grandchildren, Ronald Aldrich, Brent Aldrich, Sarah Brown, Tom Brown and Mark Brown. He will also be missed by his cat, Sherman.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Dean Rose and Duane Rose.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, December 10, 2010, at the Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, Ind., with Pastor Mike Hamm officiating. Burial will be at Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola with military graveside services by Angola American Legion Post 31.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday, December 9, 2010, at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Memorials are to Powers Church and the Steuben County Humane Society.

You may sign a guestbook at [www.weichtfh.com](http://www.weichtfh.com).



## **N. Joan Doll**

CROMWELL — N. Joan Doll, age 87, of Cromwell, Ind., passed away on Sunday, December 5, 2010, at Miller's Merry Manor of Syracuse.

She was born on October 22, 1923, in

Cromwell, Ind., to Ben and Annabelle (Kring) Archer. On June 20, 1942, she married Herman (Mike) Doll. He preceded her in death on October 2, 1992.

Mrs. Doll worked at Wirk Garment in Cromwell and Lyal Electric in Ligonier. She was a dedicated stay-at-home mother and farmer's wife most of her married life. She worked in the West Noble School cafeteria for 20 years before retiring from there.

She was a past member of the Women's Civic Club of Ligonier, the Young at Heart Line Dancers, and was currently a member of the American Legion Axillary. She also belonged to the Wawasee Lakeside Chapel.

In her spare time she loved to read, listen to music, and play her organ. Most of all, she was proud of being a great cook.

She is survived by a daughter, Carol L. Rhoads of Plant City, Fla.; a son, Michael H. (Linda) Doll of North Webster, Ind.; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; and two brothers, Levi Archer and Dallas Archer.



**Mrs. Doll**

A funeral service will be held in Mrs. Doll's honor on Friday, December 10, 2010 at 10 a.m. at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, with Pastor Harlan Steffen and Pastor of Jean Ness officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell, Ind., following the funeral service.

A time of visitation will be held on Thursday, December 9, 2010, from 4-8 p.m. at Yeager Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions are to the IU Simon Cancer Center for Dr. Michael Robertson's research. Please make memorial gifts payable to the "IUF/IUSCC Hematology/Oncology Gifts" and mail to IU Simon Cancer Center; c/o IU Foundation; P.O. Box 660245; Indianapolis, IN 46266. Please indicate "In memory of Joan Doll" on your gift.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.yeagerfuneralhome.com](http://www.yeagerfuneralhome.com)

## **Herbert Tons**

ANGOLA — Herbert Richard Tons, 74, of Angola died Monday, Dec. 6, 2010, at his Angola home.

Mr. Tons was a machine operator at Dana-Spicer Axle Division in Fort Wayne.

He was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola.

He was born Sept. 14, 1936, in Fort Wayne to Herbert H. Tons Jr. and Bernetta Ensich Tons. He married Sharon Krouse on June 1, 1957. She survives at Lake Gage, Angola.

Also surviving are three sons, Mike and Kelly Tons of Lake Gage, Angola, Joe and Sylvia Tons of Lake Arrowhead, Hudson, and Sam and Susie Tons of Fremont; three daughters, Tina Noblit of Fremont, Cherie York of Los Angeles, Calif., and Tammela and Jim Benson of Garrett; 14 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola with Father Fred Pasche officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery at Orland.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the Weicht Funeral Home in Angola and one hour prior to the services at the church Thursday.

Memorials are to Quad County's Dialysis Center, 528 N. Grandstaff Drive, Auburn, IN 46706 or St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, 700 W. Maumee St., Angola, IN 46703.

Sign a guestbook at [www.weichtfh.com](http://www.weichtfh.com).

## **R. Gene Snook**

**GARRETT** — R. Gene Snook, 80, of Garrett died Sunday, Dec. 5, 2010, at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Snook was a Garrett Police officer from 1953-

1973 and a DeKalb County deputy from 1973-1995.

He was also a driver for PTI from 2003-2005.



**Mr. Snook**

He was a member of the Butler American Legion Post 202, Garrett Eagles, DEKAT Camping Club and Wee Campers Camping Club.

Mr. Snook was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War.

He was born July 31, 1930, in Deshler, Ohio, to Rodney Don and Audrey (Crawford) Snook. He married Helen M. Eck on Aug. 7, 1973 in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. She survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Tonnice (Richard) Karle of Scottsdale, Ariz.; Debra (Dean) Putt of Albuquerque, N.M. and Vicki (Ron) Rathburn of Butler; three sons, Larry Treesh and his fiancée, Brenda Carpenter, of Topeka; Jacob (Renee) Snook of Ashley and Loren Snook of Garrett; three stepchildren, Keith Secrest of Waterloo, John Secrest of Garrett and Melissa Secrest of Garrett; a brother, Gerry Snook of Garrett; a sister, Winifred McMillan of Garrett; 10 grandchildren; six stepgrandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

## **Elnora Speer**

**AUBURN** — Elnora "Ellie" Speer, 77, of Auburn died Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2010, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Arrangements pending at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, Auburn.

## **James Tarlton**

**GARRETT** — James K. Tarlton, 69 of Garrett died Monday, Dec. 6, 2010, at his residence.

Mr. Tarlton was an engineer at Eaton Corp. for 35 years before retiring in 2001.

He was born Jan. 18, 1941, in Auburn to Marion James and Helen (Hatas) Tarlton. He married Debbie K. Secrest on Nov. 1, 2002, and she survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are three children with his former wife Faye, James Jr. and Beth Tarlton, Dave and Wendy Tarlton and Bobbie and Glenn Geyer all of Garrett; two brothers, Marion and Peggy Tarlton of Garrett and Steve Tarlton of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Melanie and Don Bateman of Wolcottville and Judy and Richard Deleccany of Benton Harbor, Mich.; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. Thursday at Thomas Funeral Home with the funeral at 7 p.m. Funeral celebrant Ryan Myers will officiate.

Memorials are to St. Martin's Healthcare or Disabled Veterans.

To send a condolence or sign the online guestbook visit [www.thomasfuneralhome.org](http://www.thomasfuneralhome.org)

He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Eugene Snook.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Thomas Funeral Home, with Jerry Custer officiating. Entombment will take place in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home, 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46804

To send a condolence or sign the online guestbook visit [www.thomasfuneralhome.org](http://www.thomasfuneralhome.org)

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### **Alberta Calvelage**

FREMONT — Alberta Mary Calvelage, 82, of Bonita Springs, Fla., died December 3, 2010, at 5:35 p.m. at her son's residence in Findlay, Ohio.

She was born January 29, 1928, to the late Isidor and Eda (Droll) Wannemacher in Fort Jennings, Ohio. She married Harold E. Calvelage on June 3, 1950, and he died March 15, 2001.

She is survived by four sons: Mark A. (Kay) of Crider-ville, Ohio, John A. (Lynne) of Findlay, Ohio, Michael D. (Desiree) of Loveland, Colo., and Luke J. of Angola, Ind.; a daughter, Patricia M. (James) Schlup of Angola, Ind.; eight grandsons and two great-grandsons. She is also survived by three sisters:

Helen Miller of Dayton, Ohio, Margaret Dodds of Fredericksburg, Va., and Evelyn Norton of Schaumburg, Ill.

Alberta was preceded in death by a son, Matthew P. Calvelage; one sister, Mary Jane Wannemacher; and two brothers, Roman Wannemacher and Hilary Wannemacher.

Alberta was a homemaker and secretary at Prudential Life Insurance Co. for five years.

She loved to sew, bake, cook, and gardening. She played shuffleboard, bingo and collected dolls.

There is no visitation.

A graveside funeral service will be held Saturday, December 11, 2010 at 11 a.m. at Jamestown Cemetery in Fremont, Ind. Father Fred Pasche will officiate. Burial will follow at the cemetery. A reception will also follow.

Coldren-Crates Funeral Home in Findlay, Ohio, is in charge of arrangements.

Beams Funeral Home in Fremont is in charge of the graveside funeral service and burial arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the donor's choice.

Online condolences may be made via [www.coldrencrates.com](http://www.coldrencrates.com), or [www.beamsfuneralhome.com](http://www.beamsfuneralhome.com)

### **Roger Johnson**

WOLF LAKE — Roger Emmett Johnson, 35, of Knapp Lake at Wolf Lake died Sunday, Dec. 5, 2010, at Knapp Lake.

No public services are planned.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

### **Larry Duke Sr.**

SHERWOOD, OHIO — Larry F. Duke, Sr., 63, of Sherwood, Ohio, died at 11:05 a.m. Monday, Dec. 6, 2010 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Services are at 1 p.m. Thursday at the Oberlin-Turnbull Funeral Home, 230 E. Elm St, Sherwood, Ohio, with Pastor Kevin Dosek officiating. Burial will follow in Sherwood Cemetery.

Calling is Wednesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.



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## Jack Parker

KENDALLVILLE — Jack E. Parker, 76, of Kendallville died Monday, December 6, 2010, in his residence.

Mr. Parker graduated from Albion High School in 1952. He served in the U.S. Army from 1955 to 1957.



**Mr. Parker**

Jack operated his own business over 35 years, Parker Glove and Supply, and later owned Parker Outlet Center, specializing in Carhartt clothing, in Avilla and Shipshewana.

He was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville. He was also a member of the Albion American Legion Post 246, Kendallville Elks Lodge where he received the Elk of the Year award for 2008 to 2009, and the Knights of Columbus.

Jack enjoyed spending time with family and friends. He liked playing cards, gardening, fishing, traveling, and was a horse man at heart. He especially enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, as they meant the world to him.

He was born December 1, 1934, in Wolf Lake to John Dwight and Doris (Wiley) Parker. In 1978, he married G. Eileen (Chapman) Polakovic in Las Vegas.

Surviving are his wife, G. Eileen Parker of Kendallville; two daughters and a son-in-law, Kelly and Kenneth Miller of Garrett and Amy Gulbranson of Fort Wayne; a stepson Garry and Sara Polakovic of LaOtto; a stepdaughter, Jeannie Polakovic of Winamac; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and two

brothers and a sister-in-law, Alton Parker of Albion and John and Esther Parker of Woodburn.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Robert Parker.

Mass of Christian Burial will be Friday, December 10, 2010, at 10:30 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Kendallville, with Father James Stoyle officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville. Military graveside services will be presented by the Albion American Legion Post 246.

Casketbearers will be Errik Polakovic, Noah Polakovic, Aaron Lee, Clancy Smith, Tom Burke and Arthur Charles.

Calling is Thursday, December 9, 2010, from 2 to 6 p.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville. An Elks Lodge service will be conducted at 6 p.m. with a prayer vigil to follow.

Preferred memorials are to Elks Cancer Fund, Knights of Columbus Gibault School, or to Parkview Noble Hospice.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at [www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com)

## Betty Terlosky

FORT WAYNE — Betty J. Terlosky, 76, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, Dec. 4, 2010, at home.

She was born on June 21, 1934, in South Fork, Pa.

She was employed by East Allen County



**Mrs. Terlosky**

Schools for 30 years from where retired in 2002 as a school bus driver.

She was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church.

"She was a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, and friend who will be missed by all who knew her."

Surviving are daughters, Rose (Willie) Manning and Katherine (Kenny) Jackson, both of Fort Wayne; her sons, Walter (Laura) Terlosky of Butler and Joseph (Sheila) Terlosky of Albion; her grandchildren, Theresa, Michelle and Jennifer Ladd, Jason and Jenna Terlosky, Michael, Nicole and Marcus Terlosky, and Tonya Davis; 14 great-grandchildren; a brother, George (Bonnie) Walowich; and lifetime companion, Junior "J.R." Saylor.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Francis, in 1972; and son, Kenneth Terlosky, in 1976.

Mass of Christian Burial is at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 10, 2010, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 2120 S. Harrison St., with calling one hour prior.

Calling also from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 9, 2010, at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, with rosary recited at 6 p.m.

Burial is in Highland Park Cemetery.

Preferred memorials to St. Patrick's Catholic Church, or the S.P.C.A.

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### Glen DeLucenay

AUBURN — Glen Abraham DeLucenay, 79, died Monday, Dec. 6, 2010, at his home in Auburn surrounded by his family.

Mr. DeLucenay was born Jan. 23, 1931, in Auburn, to Elmer and Oneeda (Sherck) DeLucenay. They both preceded him in death.



**Mr. DeLucenay**

He was a graduate of Auburn High School, class of 1949. He then graduated from the Indiana College of Mortuary Science, class of 1951.

He started his career as a funeral director with the Gerig Funeral Home in Auburn and worked there from 1955-1969. He then went into office supply sales until his retirement in 1995.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force serving from 1951-1955.

He was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn.

He married Betty Joyce Smith on July 24, 1954, in the St. Margaret Mary Church in Winter Park, Florida. She survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Michael G. and Julie DeLucenay of Syracuse; four daughters and sons-in-law, Cheryl (DeLucenay) and Bill Walker of Huntington, Sue (DeLucenay) and Gary Amerman of Auburn, Kimberly (DeLucenay) and Greg Raub of Auburn, and Kelly DeLucenay of Auburn; a sister and brother-in-law, Shirley and Ed Green of Butler, Pennsylvania; five grandchildren, David Amerman, Adam DeLucenay,

### Larry Duke Sr.

SHERWOOD, Ohio — Larry F. Duke Sr., age 63, of Sherwood passed away peacefully at 11:05 a.m.

Monday, December 6, 2010, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Larry was born January 25, 1947, in Marietta, Georgia, the son of



**Mr. Duke**

Haskell and Mary (Wiley) Duke. He married Debra Joyce Beeman on May 1, 1971, in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, and she preceded him in death on June 8, 2010.

Larry was a truck driver working for several area trucking companies.

He was an avid pool player, playing in several area pool leagues.

Surviving are his son, Larry (Brandi) Duke Jr., of Waterloo, Indiana; two daughters, Kelly (Tim) Grandey of Hicksville and Shelly Eriksen of Waterloo, Indiana; 13 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and his mother, Mary Duke of Sherwood. Also surviving are many others who called him dad and papa as well as aunts, uncles, in-laws other extended family members and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, son, Benjamin Duke, and brother, Gary Duke.

Visitation for Larry F. Duke Sr. will be held today, Wednesday, December 8, 2010, from 4-8 p.m. in the Oberlin-Turnbull Funeral Home, 230 E. Elm St., Sherwood.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, December 9, 2010, in the funeral home with Pastor Kevin Doseck officiating. Interment will follow in Sherwood Cemetery.

Memorial contributions in the name of Larry F. Duke Sr. may be given to the family.

Condolences may be sent to the family or the online guest book may be signed at [www.oberlinturnbull.com](http://www.oberlinturnbull.com)

Ashley DeLucenay, Nicholas Raub and Lucas Raub; and three great-grandchildren, Landin Amerman, Dawson Amerman, and Justin Stucker.

A Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 10 a.m. Friday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn, with calling from 9-10 a.m. Friday prior to the service. Father Derrick Sneyd will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will also be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the rosary service being recited at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to DeKalb Memorial Hospice, the Multiple Sclerosis Society, or Masses to the church.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit [www.fellerandclark.com](http://www.fellerandclark.com).



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**Elsie Miller**

GARRETT — Elsie R. (Yarde) Miller, 90 of Collegeville, Pa., and formerly of Garrett and Orland, Ind., passed away December 6, 2010, at Pottstown Memorial Medical Center in Pottstown, Pa.



**Mrs. Miller**

“Our beloved mother is going home to be with our Heavenly Father.”

She was born June 4, 1920 in Garrett to the late Roy and Ida (Van Wye) Yarde.

Elsie was a graduate of Fort Wayne Business College and worked for Kruger's Market from 1961 to 1979.

She married Charles H. Miller on May 11, 1941, at the First Baptist Church in Garrett and he passed away March 13, 1998. She was a Sunday School teacher and active member of the First Baptist Church in Garrett and then later at the Brighton Chapel in Howe, Ind.

Surviving are her children, Larry (Mary) Miller of Garrett, Ronald (Glenda) Miller of Garrett and Diane (Robert) Spurgeon of Collegeville, Pa.; her grandchildren, Kelly (Ronald) Getts, Todd (Leigh Ann) Miller, Tracy Nash, Sherry (Warren) Southard and Tamara (James) Nier-Duffy; her stepgrandchildren, Gregory (Julie) Heal, Gary Heal, Melinda (Gary) Mountz, Melissa (Michael) Murley, Marcie Conkle and Steve Blevins. There are eight great-grandchildren, 11 stepgreat-grandchildren, one great-great-grandson; eight stepgreat-great-grandchildren and a sister, Viola “Goldie” Hillegass of Auburn.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a stepgrandson, Jason Blevins; and two brothers, Jay and Arthur Yarde.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, December 13, 2010, at First Baptist Church in Garrett with the Rev. David Mix officiating. Burial will be in Embrey Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling is Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home in Auburn and also one hour prior to the service Monday at the church.

Memorials can be directed to Brighton Chapel, 5415 N. S.R. 3, Howe, IN 46746 or First Baptist Church, 1357 S. Randolph St., Garrett, IN 46738.

To view an obituary or send condolences visit [fellerandclark.com](http://fellerandclark.com).

**James Tarlton**

GARRETT — James K. Tarlton, 69 of Garrett died Monday, Dec. 6, 2010, at his residence.

Mr. Tarlton was an engineer at Eaton Corp. for 35 years before retiring in 2001.

He was born Jan. 18, 1941, in Auburn to Marion James and Helen (Hatas) Tarlton. He married Debbie K. Secrest on Nov. 1, 2002, and she survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are three children with his former wife Faye, James Jr. and Beth Tarlton, Dave and Wendy Tarlton and Bobbie and Glenn Geyer all of Garrett; three stepchildren, Keith Secrest of Waterloo, John Secrest of Garrett and Melissa Secrest of Garrett; two brothers, Marion and Peggy Tarlton of Garrett and Steve Tarlton of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Melanie and Don Bateman of Wolcottville and Judy and Richard Deleccany of Benton Harbor, Mich.; seven grandchildren, Henry, Samantha, Brian and Blake Tarlton; Alex, Justin and Alyssa Shidler; six stepgrandchildren, Keegan, Branston, Dylan, Rayaana and Ava Secrest and Ethan Lester; and three great-grandchildren, Eli, Keria and Chole.

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. Thursday at Thomas Funeral Home with the funeral at 7 p.m. Funeral celebrant Ryan Myers will officiate.

Memorials are to St. Martin's Healthcare or Disabled Veterans.

To send a condolence or sign the online guestbook visit [www.thomasfuneralhome.org](http://www.thomasfuneralhome.org)



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**Elva Petersheim**

TOPEKA — Elva J. Petersheim, 64, of Topeka, died Tuesday, December 7, 2010, at his residence.

Funeral services will be at 9:30 a.m. on Friday at the Vernon Miller residence, 6805 West 400 South Topeka. Services will be conducted by Bishop Ervin M. Miller and the home ministers. Burial will be in Hawpatch Cemetery, Topeka.

Visitation will be after 1 p.m. on Wednesday and all

day on Thursday at the Vernon Miller residence.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury is handling arrangements.

**Wanetta Whipple**

ANGOLA — Wanetta T. Whipple, 85, died Monday at Northern Lakes Nursing Center.

Arrangements pending at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Angola.

**Alden Fausnaugh**

LIGONIER — Alden "Doc" Fausnaugh, 75, of

Ligonier, died Tuesday, December 7, 2010 at 9:41 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital of Fort Wayne. Arrangements are currently pending at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier.

**John DeHoff**

PHOENIX, Ariz. — John A. DeHoff, 78, of Phoenix died Friday, Dec. 3, 2010, in Phoenix.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Wickenburg Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

**Gene Snook**

GARRETT — R. Gene Snook, 80, of Garrett died Sunday, Dec. 5, 2010, at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

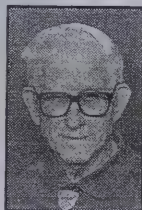
Mr. Snook was a Garrett Police officer from 1953-1973 and a DeKalb County deputy from 1973-1995.

He was also a driver for PTI from 2003-2005.

He was a member of the Butler American Legion Post 202, Garrett Eagles, DEKAT Camping Club and Wee Campers Camping Club.

Mr. Snook was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War.

He was born July 31, 1930, in Deshler, Ohio, to Rodney Don and Audrey (Crawford) Snook. He married Helen M. Eck on Aug. 7, 1973 in Ste Sault Marie, Mich. She survives in Garrett.



**Mr. Snook**

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Tonnies (Richard) Karle of Scottsdale, Ariz.; Debra (Dean) Putt of Albuquerque, N.M. and Vicki (Ron) Rathburn of Butler; three sons, Larry Treesh and his fiancée, Brenda Carpenter, of Topeka; Jacob (Renee) Snook of Ashley and Loren Snook of Garrett; a brother, Gerry Snook of Garrett; a sister, Winifred McMillan of Garrett; 10 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Eugene Snook.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Thomas Funeral Home, with Jerry Custer officiating. Entombment will take place in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

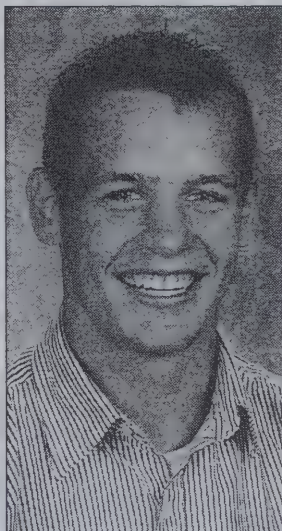
Memorials are to Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home, 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46804.

To send a condolence or sign the online guestbook visit [www.thomasfuneralhome.org](http://www.thomasfuneralhome.org)

## **Cameron Robert Amber, 20**

Cameron Robert Amber, 20, a resident of Churubusco, passed away at 6:35 p. m. on Thursday, December 2, 2010, from the results of a two vehicle accident on U. S. 33, south of Churubusco.

Cameron was born on February 5, 1990 in Columbia City, a son of Robert C. and Marna (Friskney) Amber, and was a lifelong resident of Churubusco. He graduated from Churubusco High School in 2009, and was the school's quarterback for its semi-state football team in 2007. He had served with the U. S. Air Force, coached Churubusco Youth Football, and enjoyed his diesel truck.



He had been employed at 80/20 in Columbia City since August.

The surviving relatives include his parents Bob and Marna Amber of Churubusco; two sisters Ashton (James Ford) Amber of Fort Wayne and Taylor Amber, a student at Huntington University; his brother Carlin Amber, at home; his paternal grandparents Don and Patty Amber of Churubusco; his maternal grandmother Marjorie Friskney of Albion; his fiancée Nicole Pippenger of Avilla; and a nephew Braylon McCoy.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather Willis J. Friskney on August 1, 2010.

Funeral services were held on Monday, December 6, 2010, at the Churubusco United Methodist Church, with Pastors Corinne K. Boruff and Timothy Grable, officiating.

Interment was in the Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

In lieu of flowers, memorials should be directed to Churubusco Youth Football; or the trust for the child of Cameron and Nicole in care of Star Financial Bank.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco was in charge of the arrangements.

To leave an online condolence for the family in memory of Cameron, log on to [www.sheetsandchilds.net](http://www.sheetsandchilds.net)

## **N. Joan Doll, 87**

N. Joan Doll, age 87, of Cromwell, IN passed away on Sunday, December 5, 2010 at Miller's Merry Manor in Syracuse.

She was born on October 22, 1923 in Cromwell, IN to Ben and Annabelle (Kring) Archer. On June 20, 1942 she married Herman (Mike) Doll. He preceded her in death on October 2, 1992.

Mrs. Doll worked at Wirk Garment in Cromwell and Lyal Electric in Ligonier. She was a dedicated stay at home mother and farmer's wife most of her married life. She worked in the West Noble School cafeteria for 20 years before retiring from there.

She was a past member of the Women's Civic Club of Ligonier, the Young at Heart Line Dancers, and was currently a member of the American Legion Auxillary. She also belonged to the Wawasee Lakeside Chapel. In her spare time she loved to read, listen to music, and play her organ. Most of all, she was proud of being a great cook.

She is survived by a daughter, Carol L. Rhoads of Plant City, FL; a son, Michael H. (Linda) Doll of North Webster, IN; five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; and two brothers, Levi Archer and Dallas Archer.

A funeral service will be held in Mrs. Doll's honor on Friday, December 10, 2010 at 10:00 AM at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, IN 46767 with Pastor Harlan Steffen and Pastor Jean Ness officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell, IN following the funeral service.

A time of visitation will be held on Thursday, December 9, 2010 from 4-8 PM at Yeager Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions are to the IU Simon Cancer Center for Dr. Michael Robertson's research. Please make memorial gifts payable to the "IUF/IUSCC Hematology/Oncology Gifts" and mail to IU Simon Cancer Center; c/o IU Foundation; PO Box 660245; Indianapolis, IN 46266. Please indicate "In memory of Joan Doll" on your gift.





## ALBION NEW ERA

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### **Roger Johnson, 35**

Roger Johnson, age 35, of Knapp Lake in Wolf Lake, IN passed away unexpectedly Sunday morning December 5, 2010.

He was born on July 14, 1975 to Ronnie & Shirley (Williams) Johnson in Wayne, MI.

Mr. Johnson moved to the area when he was 17, coming from Wayne, MI.

He is survived by his two children, Haley Johnson and Lucas Johnson of Warsaw; his mother, Shirley (Bill) Davis of Cromwell; two sisters, Ronnie (Mike) Young of Warsaw, Jammie (Jim) Mullins of North Webster; and one brother, Ricky Johnson.

No public services are planned at this time. Memorial contributions are to the charity of the donor's choice.

### **Nellis Don Kunce, 87**

Nellis Don Kunce, age 87, died Monday, November 29, 2010 as a result of a farm related accident at his place of business.

He was born on July 19, 1923 in Noble county and was the son of Russell James and Floy Ellen (Williams) Kunce.

On March 5, 1944 in Warsaw, he married Rosetta K. Snyder, she survives in Cromwell.

Mr. Kunce was a lifetime farmer and President of Kunce Brothers Grain Elevator when they were incorporated in 1978.

He was a member of the Wawasee Lakeside Chapel in Syracuse. His passion was farming, he loved being able to help his customers he served and was known to go out of his way to help. He also enjoyed music, football and wrestling.

Surviving are his wife of 66 years, Rosetta Kunce; two sons and daughters-in-law, Nellis Roger and Sandra Kunce of Cromwell, James Douglas and Donna Kunce of Cromwell. Five grandchildren, Brian Kunce, Brad Kunce, Cheryl Koher, Jill West, Nancy Lerch and eight great grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents, a daughter in law, Linda K. Kunce, two grandsons, Craig Kunce and Timothy Kunce, and a brother, Glen F. Kunce.

Funeral services for Mr. Kunce were Friday, December 3, 2010 at Wawasee Lakeside Chapel, 10419 N. Turkey Creek Rd., Syracuse, Indiana 46567.

Pastor Brad Cox and Pastor Harlan Steffen officiated.

Burial followed at Indian Village Cemetery south of Cromwell.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorials be made to the Wawasee Lakeside Chapel.

To sign the online guest register book go to [www.brazzellfuneralhome.com](http://www.brazzellfuneralhome.com)

## ALBION NEW ERA

Albion, IN

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### **Jack E. Parker, 76**

Jack E. Parker, 76, of Kendallville died Monday, December 6, 2010, in his residence.

Mr. Parker graduated from Albion High School in 1952. He served in the U.S. Army from 1955 to 1957.

Jack operated his own business over 35 years, Parker Glove and Supply, and later owned Parker Outlet Center specializing in Carhartt clothing, in Avilla and Shipshewana.

He was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville. He was also a member of the Albion American Legion Post 246, Kendallville Elks Lodge where he received the Elk of the Year award for 2008 to 2009, and the Knights of Columbus.

Jack enjoyed spending time with family and friends. He liked playing cards, gardening, fishing, traveling, and was a horse man at heart. He especially enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, as they meant the world to him.

He was born December 1, 1934, in Wolf Lake to John Dwight and Doris (Wiley) Parker. In 1978, he married G. Eileen (Chapman) Polakovic in Las Vegas.

Surviving are his wife, G. Eileen Parker of Kendallville; two daughters and a son-in-law, Kelly and Kenneth Miller of Garrett and Amy Gulbranson of Fort Wayne; a stepson Garry and Sara Polakovic of LaOtto and a stepdaughter, Jeanie Polakovic of Winamac; seven grandchildren; two great grandchildren; and two brothers and a sister-in-law, Alton

Parker of Albion and John and Esther Parker of Woodburn.

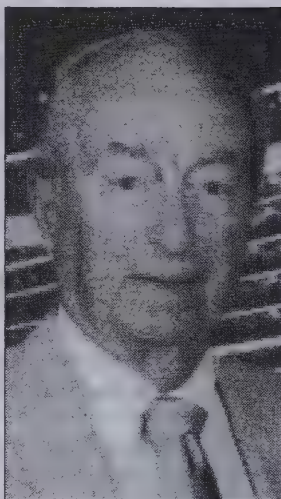
He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Robert Parker.

Mass of Christian burial will be Friday, December 10, 2010, at 10:30 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Kendallville, with Father James Stoyle officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville. Military graveside services will be presented by the Albion American Legion Post 246.

Casketbearers will be Errik Polakovic, Noah Polakovic, Aaron Lee, Clancy Smith, Tom Burke, and Arthur Charles.

Calling is Thursday, December 9, 2010, from 2 to 6 p.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 South State Street, Kendallville. An Elks Lodge service will be conducted at 6 p.m. with a prayer vigil to follow.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at [www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com)



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## **Raymond Oscar Wolf, 94**

Raymond Oscar Wolf, age 94, of Rome City, died on Saturday, December 4, 2010 at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville, Indiana.

Mr. Wolf was born in South Milford, Indiana on December 26, 1915 to the late Trevor and Ullie (Castator) Wolf Russell.

He served his country in the United States Army from 1942-1945 during WWII.

He married Helen Charlotte Wise on October 18, 1947 in Fort Wayne.

Raymond was employed in the past at Wayne Pump Company.

He retired in 1978 from Lincoln National Life Insurance Company after 26 years. He was supervisor of data processing.

In 1970, Ray and Helen together built and currently operate the Northport Mobile Home Court north of Rome City.

He was a member of the Airstream RV Association for over 30 years and traveled all over the United States, Canada, the Maritime Provinces and Mexico.

He was past president of the Fort Wayne Chapter of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International.

Ray and Helen are members of the Messiah Lutheran Church near Wolcottville and he was also a member of the Rome City Lion's Club.

Survivors include:

His wife of 63 years, Helen Wolf of Rome City; sons, James and Lisa Wolf of Fort Wayne, Thomas and Cindy Wolf of Hoagland; two granddaughters, Amanda and Tim Crutchfield of Columbia City and Kristen Wolf of Fort Wayne; one grandson, Matthew and Nikki Wolf of Bloomington; five great-grandchildren, Carter, Lauren, and Hayden Wolf and Ethan and Logan Crutchfield.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Stephen Wolf and triplet daughters.

Funeral services were on Tuesday, December 7, 2010 at Messiah Lutheran Church near Wolcottville.

Officiating the funeral service was the Rev. James Tews.

Preferred memorials may be made to Messiah Lutheran Church.

Send a condolences to the family at [www.hitefuneral-home.com](http://www.hitefuneral-home.com).



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**Alden Fausnaugh**

LIGONIER — Alden "Doc" Fausnaugh, age 75, of Ligonier, Ind., passed away on Tuesday, December 7, 2010, at 9:41 a.m. at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.



**Mr.  
Fausnaugh**

Doc was born on March 6, 1935, to Arthur C "Fuzz" and Mildred J: "Pete" (Moore) Fausnaugh in Sparta Township. On October 11, 1958, he married Nancy S. Miller in Kimmell, Ind.

He was a lifetime area resident and served his country honorably in the Indiana National Guard for 31 years.

He had owned and operated Doc's Hardware in Cromwell as well as Tri-County Servicesoft. He also had worked for Kreager Brothers for 12 years and the Armory for five years before retiring. During retirement he enjoyed working part time for Bob Wysong's car dealership in Cromwell.

Doc attended the Cosperville Baptist Church. He was a member of Cromwell Masonic Lodge and also the Cromwell-Kimmell Lions Club.

Doc was an avid and dedicated fan of Purdue University.

Surviving are his wife, Nancy Fausnaugh of Ligonier; two sons, Thomas W. Fausnaugh of Auburn, Ind., and Bart Fausnaugh of Atlanta, Ga.; four grandchildren, Dustin, Josh, Heather and Ryan; five stepgrandchildren; 12 stepgreat-grandchildren; and two sisters, Nancy (John) Hoss of The Villages, Fla., and Gale Givens of Fort Wayne, Ind.

**Wanetta Whipple**

ANGOLA — Wanetta T. Whipple, 85, died Monday evening, December 6, 2010, at Northern Lakes Nursing Center in Angola.

Wanetta was born on December 13, 1924, in Fort Wayne to the late George M. and Ida (Eager)



**Mrs. Whipple**

He was preceded in death by his parents. A funeral service will be held in his honor on Saturday, December 11, 2010, at 1 p.m. at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, with Pastor Jim Barnes and celebrant Larry Baker officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell, Ind.

A time of visitation will be held on Friday, December 10, 2010, from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions are to the Cosperville Baptist Church Building Fund, the American Heart Association, 208 S. LaSalle St., Suite 900, Chicago, IL 60604 or the John Purdue Club, 850 Beering Drive, West Lafayette, IN 47907.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.yeagerfuneralhome.com](http://www.yeagerfuneralhome.com)

McNeal. She married George M. Whipple on July 16, 1947, in Lansing, Michigan, and he preceded her in death on September 18, 1977.

Wanetta was a homemaker and she and her husband owned the Whipple Restaurant in Fort Wayne, they also ran the 9 Mile Truck Stop on U.S. 20 East of Angola.

Wanetta retired from Mid West Foundry in Kendallville.

She loved her grandchildren and pets also she enjoyed playing pull tabs, the lottery, slots and bingo.

She is survived by her children, George M. (Pam) Whipple Jr. of Hamilton, Pam Konrad of Angola, Gerald L. (Teresa) Whipple of Angola, and Tina (J.C.) White of Mesquite, Nev.; nine grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Connie M. Brock; a brother, Bud McNeal; and three sisters, Alice Coffey, Marie Hedrick and Irene Hose.

Funeral services will be on Saturday, December 11, 2010, at 11 a.m. at the H.E. Johnson and Sons Funeral Home at 108 S. West St., Angola, with Mike Hamm of the Stroh Church of Christ officiating.

Calling will be on Friday, December 10, 2010, from 4-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in the Powers Cemetery, Angola. Memorials are to the Steuben County Humane Shelter.

To leave condolences go to [www.hejohnsonfh.com](http://www.hejohnsonfh.com)

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### **Luella Beiswanger**

**KENDALLVILLE —** Luella Mae Beiswanger, age 84, of Kendallville passed away on Tuesday, December 7, 2010, at Lutheran Life Villages in Kendallville.



Mrs. Beiswanger was born in Logansport on January 31, 1926, to the late Schuyler L. and Nellie Ola (Azbell) Bean.

She first married Wilton R. Kotterman on April 23, 1945, and he passed away February 12, 1972. Later she married Cyrus LeRoy Beiswanger on July 1, 1972, in Kendallville and he passed away October 22, 2007.

Lou was a member of the South Milford Church of Christ and she worked for many years in downtown Kendallville as a bookkeeper for the Seagley Hardware and Gift Shop.

She enjoyed playing games and cards and was an avid shuffleboard player both in Kendallville and Avon Park, Florida, where she and LeRoy spent many winters.

Her favorite memories were those times spent with family and friends.

Survivors include two daughters, Jackie and Harold Kline of Kendallville and Connie and Mike Crist of Kendallville; a son, Jeff and Pam Kotterman of Kendallville; a stepdaughter, Suzi and Bob Conrad of Kendallville; her nine grandchildren, Julie and Steve Blankenship of Kendallville, Jean Ann Potts of Kendallville, Chad and Cassandra Crist of

**Mrs. Beiswanger**

Alpharetta, Georgia, Shane and Maila Crist of Cincinnati, Ohio, Ryan and Monica Crist of Lexington, South Carolina, Nathan Kotterman of Chicago, Illinois, and Emily and Nate Shamp of Angola; her stepgrandchildren, Tracy Conrad of South Milford and Troy and Michelle Conrad of Kendallville; 15 great-grandchildren; a sister, Marybelle Bell of Virginia Beach, Virginia; and a brother, William Bean of Texas.

She was also preceded in death by her sister, June Lowe, and brother, Ray Bean.

A private celebration of Lou's life will be held for the family at South Milford Church of Christ.

Preferred memorials may be made to Early Adventures Child Care.

Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville is assisting the family with arrangements.

Send a condolence to the family or view a video tribute of Luella by Friday at [www.hitefuneralhome.com](http://www.hitefuneralhome.com)

### **Gary Vance**

**LIGONIER —** Gary Lee Vance, 49, of Ligonier died Tuesday, Dec. 7, 2010, at 12:55 p.m. in Allegan, Mich., of a heart attack caused by coronary artery disease.



Mr. Vance was a lifetime area resident.

He graduated from Wawasee High School in 1980 and attended Cedarville College.

Mr. Vance was employed with National College Funding Services.

He was born Feb. 4, 1961, to Everett and Martha "Lindy" (Limburg) Vance.

Surviving are his mother, Lindy Hofmann of Hampton, Va.; four children, Andrea (Ryan) Lane of Marion, Kendra (Jeff) Burns of Ligonier, Erica (Nate) Reynolds of Ligonier, and Matt (Nichole) Vance of Bloomington; one sister, Kristy Vance of Medford, N. J.; three grandchildren; and a companion, Christy Haughn of Allegan, Mich.

His father, Everett Vance, preceded him in death on Feb. 18, 2010.

A memorial service will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday at Stone's Hill Community Church in Ligonier.

Arrangements are being made by his children.

**Mr. Vance**



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**Ervin Meyer**

TREVOSE, Pa. — Ervin A. Meyer, age 86, of Trevoise passed away on Monday, December 6, 2010, at his home following a brief illness.

He was born on June 23, 1924, in Florida, Ohio, to the late Otto and Helen (Bockelman) Meyer.

Erv served his country in the U.S. Navy during World War II and in the Korean War, retiring after 20 years of service.

After retiring, he and his late wife, Barbara, opened and ran E & B Meyer Beer Distributors in Philadelphia. His next endeavor was becoming an owner/operator (trucking) for Mawson & Mawson in Langhorne, retiring after 20 years of service. He then spent the next 14 years as an avid bowler and sports fan.

Husband of the late Barbara Faulkner Meyer, he is survived by his children: Barbara (Paul) Babcock of Kendallville, Ind., Ervin A. (Beth) Meyer Jr. of Bensalem, Pa., Robert (Jane) Meyer of Plymouth Meeting, Pa., and Susan Konefal of Trevoise; his sibilings, Richard Meyer of Fort Wayne, Ind., Otto Meyer of Hudson, Ohio, Meta Walter of Florida, Ohio, Betty Hoy of Napoleon, Ohio.

He was the loving grandfather of Heather, Stephanie, Danielle, Taylor and Rachael; stepgrandfather of Debbie, Jerry and Sarah; and great-grandfather of Shi-Nobi.

He was also preceded in death by his siblings, Elmer, Julius, Robert and Paul Meyer, Euretha Koch and Ruth Meyer.

**Robert Hohn**

CHURUBUSCO — Robert D. Hohn, 52, a former resident of Kaiserslautern, Germany, and more recently of rural Churubusco in Noble County, died Tuesday, December 7, 2010, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Pastor Jim Martin of Columbia City First Church of God officiating. Burial with military graveside rites will be in the Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

Calling is Saturday morning from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the service at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in any way to honor veterans.

**William Elworthy**

WATERLOO — William G. Elworthy Jr., 86, of Waterloo died Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2010.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

**Mildred Gard**

LIGONIER — Mildred Harriet Gard, 97, of North Webster and formerly of Wawaka died Monday, Dec. 6, 2010, at Manatee Memorial Hospital of Bradenton, Fla.

Arrangements are pending at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier.

**Kevin Pruiett**

KENDALLVILLE — Kevin Pruiett, 49, of Washington, D.C., and formerly of Kendallville, died Sunday, Dec. 5, 2010, in Washington, D.C.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel.

**Charles Newcomer**

SHEBOYGAN, Wis. — Charles Newcomer, 81, of Sheboygan, died Monday, December 6, 2010.

Services are Saturday at 3 p.m. at Lippert-Olson Funeral Home, 1132 Superior Ave., Sheboygan. There will be an open house at the family home at 1407 Marie Court, Sheboygan, after the service.

Calling will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Relatives and friends are invited to his viewing tonight from 7-9 p.m. and Friday morning from 8:45-9:45 a.m. at the Fluehr Funeral Home, 864 Bristol Pike, S.R. 13, Bensalem, Pa. Interment will be at 11:30 a.m. Friday at Washington Crossing National Cemetery in Newtown, Pa.



## Thelma Cook

KIMMELL — Thelma I. Cook, age 81, of Kimmell, Ind., passed away at 2:42 p.m. on Wednesday, December 8, 2010, in her residence following an extended illness.

She was born January 31, 1929, to Fred and Grace



Mr. Cook

(Cinnamon) Stingley in Fulton County, Ind.

On April 12, 1947, in North Manchester, Ind., she married James Cook. They later moved to Kimmell, Ind., in 1957, coming from Kewanna, Ind.

Thelma worked on the family farm most of her life. She also worked for several years at Lyall Electric in Cromwell.

Thelma enjoyed bird watching, nature, cooking and above all cooking and caring for her family whom she loved dearly and considered them to be her life.

Surviving are her husband, James Cook of Kimmell; three children, Judy (David) Clayton of Kimmell, Larry (Katie) Cook of Albion and Peggy (Kenneth) Strock of Kimmell; eight grandchildren, Brad (Carla Snyder) Smith of Kimmell, Ron (Christi) Smith of Kimmell, Heather Irwin of Fort Wayne, Tara (Mike Strieby) Lepper of Milford, Nick (Briana) Cook of Muncie, Jennifer (Eric) Covey of Ligonier, Kenny Strock of Kimmell and Heather Strock of Kimmell; nine great-grandchildren; three sisters,

Opal (Vern) Kissinger of Royal Center, Pat Greer of Rochester and Alice (Dick) Webb of Mentone; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Mary Kathryn Barden.

A funeral service will be held in her honor on Monday, December 13, 2010, at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, at 10 a.m., with Chaplin Robin La Rue officiating. Burial will be at Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell, Ind.

There will be a time of visitation on Sunday, December 12, 2010, from 2-6 p.m. at Yeager Funeral Home and one hour prior to the service Sunday.

Memorial contributions are to Heartland Home Health Care & Hospice, 1315 Directors Row, Ste. 206, Fort Wayne, IN 46808.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.yeagerfuneralhome.com](http://www.yeagerfuneralhome.com)

## Charles Newcomer

SHEBOYGAN, Wis. — Charles Newcomer, 81, of Sheboygan, died Monday, Dec. 6, 2010.

Mr. Newcomer served a tour of duty with the United States Air Force from 1948-1952. He rejoined the Air Force in 1955 and served 18 years, retiring as a master sergeant. Following his retirement from the Air Force, he worked for the Kohler Co. until retiring from there in 1990.

He was a life member of the Sheboygan Memorial VFW Post 9156.

He was born Dec. 23, 1928, in Waterloo, Ind., to Arthur and Lucy Newcomer. He married Carmelita Leuck on Oct. 4, 1952. She preceded him in death.

Surviving are two children, LuAnn Summers of Sheboygan and Thomas Newcomer and his wife, Chris Cowles, of Rowlett, Texas; three grandchildren; and his siblings, Arthur Newcomer of Auburn, Ind., Max and Donna Newcomer of Boise, Idaho, Doris Kees of Garrett, Jerry and Bonnie Newcomer of Kendallville, Ind., Dale and Mary Newcomer of Cupertino, Calif., Lyle Newcomer of Ligonier, Ind., and Dean Newcomer of Ligonier, Ind.

He was also preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Helen Barger of Garrett, Ind.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at the Lippert-Olson Funeral Home, 1132 Superior Ave., Sheboygan. A reception will follow at the family home.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the service.

Condolences may be sent online to [charlesnewcomer@lippertfuneralhome.com](mailto:charlesnewcomer@lippertfuneralhome.com).

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**Lillian Moore**

LINDEN, Mich. —  
Lillian B. Walker Moore,  
age 95, of Angola, Ind.,  
formerly of Linden, Mich.,  
went to be with her Lord  
Tuesday,  
December  
7, 2010, in  
Angola,  
Ind.

Funeral  
services  
will be held  
11 a.m.  
Tuesday,  
December



**Mrs. Moore**

14, 2010, at Linden Free  
Methodist Church, 13274  
Linden Road, Linden.  
Pastor Bill Moull will  
officiate. Burial will be at  
the Ridge Road Cemetery,  
Oakley, Mich.

Visitation will be held  
2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday,  
December 13, 2010, at  
Sharp Funeral Homes,  
Linden Chapel, 209 E.  
Broad St., Linden, and  
from 10 a.m. until the time  
of service Tuesday at the  
church.

In lieu of flowers,  
contributions may be made  
to Linden Free Methodist  
Church.

Lillian was born  
September 27, 1915, in  
Brady Township, west of  
Chesaning, Mich.

She and Ivan Moore  
were married in 1938 in  
Linden, where she lived  
until 2008 when she  
became a resident at  
Lakeland Skilled Nursing  
and Rehabilitation Center  
in Angola, Ind.

She was preceded in  
death by her parents,  
Joseph and Sarah Walker;  
brothers, Francis and  
Stuart; and her husband,  
Ivan passed away in 2001.

She is survived by a  
sister, Helen Grass of Mt.  
Pleasant, Mich.; her  
children, Frances (Don)  
Snyder of Flushing, Mich.,  
Larry (Sue) Moore of  
Kasilov, Alaska, and  
Derald (Mary) Moore of  
Angola, Ind. Lillian has six  
grandchildren and six  
great-grandchildren.

She was a beloved  
homemaker.

Her Linden Free  
Methodist Church involve-  
ment included that of  
organist and soloist for  
many years.

Other accomplishments  
include, piecing quilt tops  
and quilting, a perfec-  
tionist seamstress and a  
teacher of piano. She was  
an avid reader, a pastime  
she dearly loved right up  
to her last day on earth.  
Events giving her great joy  
were extended family  
reunions and getting  
together with family on the  
holidays.

She had stated her  
epitaph should read "I did  
my best to glorify God."

Tributes may be posted  
on the obituaries page of  
[www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com)

**Orrin White**

GARRETT — Orrin  
Bradford White, 98, of

Garrett died Wednesday,  
Dec. 8, 2010.

For more 30 years, he  
was the co owner and  
operator of Superior Dairy  
in Garrett. After selling his  
share of the business, he  
worked for 15 years for the  
American Red Cross in Fort  
Wayne, retiring in 1976.

He was born Oct. 2,  
1910, in Marion, Ind., to  
Orrin V. and Hazel  
(Bradford) White. They are  
deceased. His mother later  
married Ray C. Goodson  
and he is also deceased.

Mr. White married  
Dorothy Mae Erickson on  
May 20, 1934, and she died  
July 23, 2004.

Surviving are two sons  
and daughters-in-law,  
William and Sharon White  
of Auburn and James and  
Diane White of Coldwater,  
Mich.; a daughter, Janice  
White of Kendallville; five  
grandchildren; and seven  
great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in  
death by a daughter, Linda  
Ann White, and a brother,  
Charles Leroy White.

There will be no services  
or calling. He will be buried  
beside his wife in Christian  
Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorials are to the  
DeKalb County Humane  
Shelter, 5221 U.S. 6, Butler,  
IN 46721. F

Feller and Clark Funeral  
Home of Waterloo is  
handling arrangements.

To view an obituary or  
send condolences visit  
[fellerandclark.com](http://fellerandclark.com).

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**Bob McClanahan**

OLATHE, Colo. — Bob McClanahan, 52, of Olathe died Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2010, after a year-long battle with brain cancer.

Mr. McClanahan had a variety of skills, he was a hunting guide, carpenter, and a surveyor of mining claims.



**Mr. McClanahan**

He attended Central Noble High School in Albion, Ind., and enlisted in the U.S. Army and was stationed at Fort Carson, Colo.

He was born March 5, 1958, to Art and Marilyn McClanahan of Kendallville, Ind. He married Lisa Linn of Ligonier in 1984. The couple celebrated their 26th wedding anniversary on Nov 24.

Surviving are his wife, Lisa; a daughter, Kari McClanahan; a son, Cody McClanahan; two granddaughters; two brothers Doug McClanahan of Ligonier, Ind., and Richard (Susan) McClanahan of Millersburg, Ind.; and a sister, Susan (Doug) Myers of LaGrange, Ind.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Marilyn, and sister, Elizabeth.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Grace Baptist Church in Montrose, Colo, with burial to follow at the Olathe, Colo.

Viewing will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday at Crippin Funeral Home, 802 E. Main St. Montrose, Colo.

Memorials are to Hospice and Palliative Care of Western Colorado.



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### Thelma Cook

KIMMELL — Thelma I. Cook, age 81, of Kimmell, Ind., passed away at 2:42 p.m. on Wednesday, December 8, 2010, in her residence following an extended illness.

She was born January 31, 1929, to Fred and Grace (Cinnamon) Stingley in Fulton County, Ind.

On April 12, 1947, in North Manchester, Ind., she married James Cook. They later moved to Kimmell, Ind., in 1957, coming from Kewanna, Ind.

Thelma worked on the family farm most of her life. She also worked for several years at Lyall Electric in Cromwell.

Thelma enjoyed bird watching, nature, cooking and above all cooking and caring for her family whom she loved dearly and considered them to be her life.

Surviving are her husband, James Cook of Kimmell; three children, Judy (David) Clayton of Kimmell, Larry (Katie) Cook of Albion and Peggy (Kenneth) Strock of Kimmell; eight grandchildren, Brad (Carla Snyder) Smith of Kimmell, Ron (Christi) Smith of Kimmell, Heather Irwin of Fort Wayne, Tara (Mike Strieby) Lepper of Milford, Nick (Briana) Cook of Muncie, Jennifer (Eric) Covey of Ligonier, Kenny Strock of Kimmell and Heather Strock of Kimmell; nine great-grandchildren; three sisters, Opal (Vern) Kissinger of Royal Center, Pat Greer of Rochester and Alice (Dick) Webb of Mentone; and



**Mrs. Cook**

### Ralph Johnson

LAGRANGE — Ralph R. Johnson, 76, of LaGrange died Thursday, Dec. 9, 2010, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Monday at the First United Methodist Church in LaGrange.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the church.

Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

A full obituary will appear in Sunday's edition.

several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Mary Kathryn Barden.

A funeral service will be held in her honor on Monday, December 13, 2010, at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, at 10 a.m., with Chaplin Robin La Rue officiating. Burial will be at Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell, Ind.

There will be a time of visitation on Sunday, December 12, 2010, from 2-6 p.m. at Yeager Funeral Home and one hour prior to the service Sunday.

Memorial contributions are to Heartland Home Health Care & Hospice, 1315 Directors Row, Ste. 206, Fort Wayne, IN 46808.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.yeagerfuneralhome.com](http://www.yeagerfuneralhome.com).

### Herman Miller

AUBURN — Herman J. Miller, 66, died Thursday, Dec. 9, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Miller was a machinist for the Dana Corp. in Auburn for 32 years, retiring in 1990.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during the Vietnam Conflict in heavy artillery.

He was born March 25, 1944, in Garrett to Paul P. and Bernadine (Herber) Miller.

Surviving are a sister and brother-in-law, Mary and Ken Dunn of Buford, Ga.; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Norbert and Doris Miller of Waterloo, Eddie Miller of Waterloo and Bill and Lilly Miller of Jacksonville, Fla.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, John Miller.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be 11 a.m. Monday at St. Michael's Catholic Church, 1098 C.R. 39, Waterloo, with Father David Carkenord officiating. Burial will be in St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be from 9-11 a.m. Monday prior to the service at the church.

Memorials may be directed to the St. Michael's Catholic Church or the Wounded Warrior Project, 7020 AC Skinner Parkway, Suite 100, Jacksonville, FL 32256.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling arrangements.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit [www.fellerandclark.com](http://www.fellerandclark.com).

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## Kevin Pruiett

KENDALLVILLE — Kevin W. Pruiett, 49, of Washington, D.C., died Sunday, December 5, 2010, in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Pruiett had lived in Washington, D.C. for 20 years, coming from Fort Wayne and Decatur, Illinois.

He was a senior associate with David Jones Architects of Washington, D.C., where he had worked for the last 15 years.

He was a graduate of Snider High School in Fort Wayne. He earned a bachelor's degree in industrial engineering from Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, and a master's degree in architecture from Catholic University.

Kevin enjoyed anything beautiful. He particularly enjoyed building architecture, flowers, and wildlife. He liked to travel, and dearly loved his brothers and sisters.

He was born February 20, 1961, in Alton, Illinois, to Wayne and Patricia (Vogt) Pruiett. His parents survive in Kendallville.

Also surviving is his partner, Dr. Rick Pollock of Washington, D.C.; five sisters, Beth Pruiett of Champagne, Illinois, Kathy (Steve) Ammon of Schaumburg, Illinois, Mary (Tom) Dickson of Warren, Lisa (Steve) Summers of New Albany and Melanie Motsinger of Fort Wayne; three brothers, John (Cheryl) Pruiett of Midland, Michigan, Gordon Pruiett of



Mr. Pruiett

## Emery Schilling

COLUMBIA CITY — Emery Harold Schilling, 103, of Columbia City and formerly of Wabash and Huntington counties, died Thursday, Dec. 9, 2010, at Peabody Retirement Center, North Manchester.

Mr. Schilling was a farmer and raised registered shorthorn cattle and Duroc hogs. He and his brother also operated a general contracting business.

He graduated from Bippis High School in 1925.

Mr. Schilling was a member of Columbia City United Methodist Church and the Whitley County Historical Society. He was also a member of the first Calf Club (Shorthorn) organized in Huntington County, the American Shorthorn Breeder's Association and the United Duroc Breeders Association.

He was born June 15, 1907, in Chester Township, Wabash County, to Mathias and Ida (Leonhardt) Schilling. He married Anna P. Potts on June 9, 1935, in Muncie.

Surviving are two sons, David L. (Sheila) Schilling of Columbia City and George Allen Schilling of Auburn; six grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; five sisters, Mable, Hattie, Martha, Betty Manshardt and

Ruth Lackey; and three brothers, Howard, Clarence and Irvin Schilling.

Visitation will be from 2-7 p.m. Sunday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the funeral home with Pastor Larry Ray, visitation pastor of North

Manchester United Methodist Church and Pastor David Arnold of Columbia City United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will follow at Nolt Cemetery, rural Columbia City.

Memorials are to the American Heart Fund.

Visit [www.demoneygrimes.com](http://www.demoneygrimes.com) to send family condolences or sign the guest register book.

Cresthill, Illinois, and Keith (Kate) Pruiett of Naperville, Illinois; 21 nieces and nephews; and one great-niece.

Mass of Christian Burial will be Monday, December 13, 2010, at 10:30 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Kendallville, with Father James Stoyke officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling will be Sunday, December 12, 2010, from 4 to 8 p.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville.

Preferred memorials are to the donor's choice.

View a video tribute after Sunday or send condolences to the family at [www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com).



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### Mildred Gard

LIGONIER — Mildred Harriet Gard, 97, of North Webster died unexpectedly at 10:42 p.m. Monday, December 6, 2010, in Bradenton, Fla., following a brief illness.

Mrs. Gard had been a lifetime area resident.

She was a dedicated homemaker and had worked on the family farm.

She was a member of the Cromwell United Methodist Church and Gideon International Auxiliary.

Mrs. Gard was born December 29, 1912, in Wawaka, Ind., to Frank and Veda Fay Franks. She married Delbert D. Gard in Wawaka on June 15, 1935. He preceded her in death in April 1979.

Surviving are a daughter, Fay and Arthur Iden of North Webster, Ind.; five grandchildren, Jeff Iden of North Webster, Kathy and Larry Wilder of Indianapolis, Brenda Parr of Indianapolis, Susan Mangold of Bowling Green, Ky., and Steve Gard of Sadiéville, Ky.; six great-grandchildren, Josh and Rachel Iden of Indianapolis, Krystal Wilder, Kari Wilder, Samantha Mangold, Stephanie Mangold and Sydney Mangold; and three siblings, Tom Franks of Wawaka, Mary and Howard Berkes of New Bremen, Ohio, and Ann and Don Connors of South Bend.



**Mrs. Gard**

She was also preceded in death by a son, Jimmie (Nancy) Gard; and three sisters, Thora (Elwood) Cotner, Coy (Lester) Keefer and Jane (Steve) Clark.

Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. Monday, December 13, 2010, at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, December 14, 2010, at Cromwell United Methodist Church in Cromwell, Ind. The Rev. Chris Dare will officiate. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier, Ind.

Memorials are to Gideons International, P.O. Box 140800, Nashville, TN 37214 or Cromwell United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 337, Cromwell, IN 46732.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.yeagerfuneralhome.com](http://www.yeagerfuneralhome.com).

### E. Ialeene Theisen

EDGERTON, Ohio — E. Ialeene Theisen, 99, of Auburn, Ind., and formerly of Edgerton died Monday, Dec. 6, 2010, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

She was employed for many years at Spangler Candy Co. in Bryan, Ohio, retiring in 1978.

Mrs. Theisen attended the Edgerton United Methodist Church.

She was born on May 28, 1911, in Butler, Ind., to Foster and Elsie J. (Campbell) Teutsch. She married Paul J. Theisen on June 13, 1943, in Butler, Ind., and he preceded her in death on Feb. 14, 1988.

Mrs. Theisen is survived by one nephew, Anthony Teutsch of Sugarland, Texas. She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Gerald and Allan Teutsch.

Private interment will take place in Maple Grove Cemetery in Edgerton.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Krill Funeral Service in Edgerton, Ohio, is handling arrangements.

To sign the online register or to send condolences, visit [www.krillfuneralservice.com](http://www.krillfuneralservice.com).



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**Elizabeth Snyder**

SPENCERVILLE — Elizabeth Annette (Vincent) Snyder, 76, died Thursday, December 9, 2010, at her home in Spencerville.

Annette was born April 10, 1934, in Belfast, Northern Ireland.

Her father, William John Campbell, and mother and stepfather, Sarah



**Mrs. Snyder**

(Templeton) and William Patterson, have all passed away. She was also preceded in death by two husbands, Ernest Grant Harding and Raymond Vincent, and a brother, Bill Campbell.

Annette was a nurse her entire life. For 30 years she worked for Victorian Order of Nurses in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, then in 1997 came to DeKalb County as the director of DeKalb Hospice program.

In 1998 she went to the Town House in Fort Wayne until her retirement in 2001.

She was a former member of the Auburn Rotary Club and was an active member of the First Christian Church in Auburn.

She married John Snyder on April 21, 2001, in Auburn and he survives. She is also survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Dayle and Larry Kinsey of Spencerville; a son, Jean-Pierre Vincent of Seattle, Wash.; a

stepdaughter, Gina (Todd) Dickson of Edgefield, S.C.; 10 grandchildren, Arielle Kinsey, Jamieson Vincent, Mason Vincent, Owen Vincent, Cory Dickson, Curtis Dickson, Clarke Dickson, Corien Dickson, Courtney Dickson and Carlanne Dickson; and three sisters, Jean of Toronto, Ontario, Canada, and Norma and Linda of Northern Ireland.

Services will be Tuesday, December 14, 2010, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, Ind., with the Rev. Walter Coy officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Monday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to DeKalb Memorial Hospice or First Christian Church, Auburn.

To view an obituary or send condolences visit [fellerandclark.com](http://fellerandclark.com).

# Manahan loved life, fellow man

BY DENNIS NARTKER  
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KENDALLVILLE — Son, father, husband, brother, Legion Rider, biker is Marty Manahan's legacy. He touched the lives of so many people.

"Marty Manahan wasn't a saint, but we all recognize that the world is a better place because Marty passed through it," said his close friend, Bo McKie.

Manahan, 50, died unexpectedly on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, 2010.

"Supporting soldiers and veterans was what Marty was all about," said McKie, who co-officiated at Manahan's funeral. "He was there when the servicemen and women came home. Those were the easy missions. He was also there standing for hours, holding a flag on numerous sadder missions where a young person didn't make it home alive. He was a proud Patriot Rider."

Don Moore of Kendallville first met Manahan in 1978, when Manahan's father, Fred Manahan, hired Moore to work at radio station WAWK in Kendallville. They became long-lasting friends who enjoyed fishing and bowling together, Kendallville Jaycees membership and in recent years operating a lawn care business together.

"From the very first day I met Marty, we started playing jokes on each other. I think that's why we remained so close for all these years," said Moore, who remembered the time in 1978 when Marty put a frozen squid in Moore's desk at the radio station, thinking Moore would return shortly from a sales trip. "I didn't come back for six hours. What

a mess," said Moore.

"Marty thought that was funny."

Moore once ran an ad on WAWK saying "free firewood, will deliver and stack"

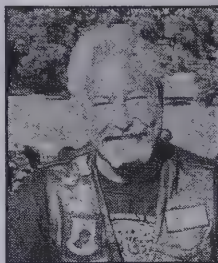
and put Marty's cell phone number with the ad without his friend knowing. Marty's phone rang off the hook for days, according to Moore. In recent years Moore had fun taking safety cones from his friend Marty's lawnmowing trailer. Marty would put decorations in Moore's yard, and safety cones on top of his truck.

"The pranks on each other are over, but the memories and the laughs we had together will last forever," said Moore.

One of Manahan's endearing traits was his ability to be serious and funny at the same time, according to McKie. Manahan would stand up at a district Legion meeting with a serious look on his face and start to rant about some issue, point his finger, raise his voice and startle people who didn't realize he could be so serious.

"Then, suddenly, he would finish his tirade with a humorous twist and you realized he just made an incredible point going from acting angry to making you laugh," said McKie.

Boyhood friend Greg Strawser said he thinks about Manahan all the time.



Marty Manahan

"It's difficult to let go of those memories. They were good times getting chili dogs at the DQ with Marty, washing our cars at the Kendallville Shell and fixing up old campers to take on Jaycee trips. He was very dear to me," Strawser said.

Manahan was instrumental in starting Kendallville American Legion Post 86 Legion Riders and helping the membership grow. He was re-elected the group's director the Sunday before he died.

McKie met Manahan about four years ago through Legion Riders. In his eulogy at his friend's funeral, McKie described Manahan as a scrapper.

"As much as he loved, and was loved, he was respected for his scrappiness with his mouth, his hands and his head," stated McKie. Manahan's "handle" among the Legion Riders was "Cupcake," a name he didn't care much for, but he took it in stride because he enjoyed the Legion Riders so much. "When the call went out, Marty was the first to say I'll get my Legion Riders and meet you there," added McKie.

Manahan was a member of the Kendallville Jaycees for 16 years until it disbanded in 1996. He held all the club's offices and participated in many of the club's numerous community enrichment programs and activities.

Manahan and his wife, Aimee, were married for 29 years and had two daughters.

"Marty was a wonderful son, good father and husband and a wonderful, caring person," said his father.

He is buried in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

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### **Ralph Johnson**

LAGRANGE — Ralph R. Johnson, 76, of LaGrange died December 9, 2010, at 1:33 p.m. at Parkview LaGrange Hospital.

He was born in LaGrange on December 16, 1934 to Chester E. Johnson and

Lucile E.  
(Fonner)  
Johnson.



**Mr. Johnson**

Ralph served in the Air Force and was a prop plane mechanic during the Korean conflict and

he also served in Japan.

He married Ida Borntrager on November 29, 1959. She survives in LaGrange.

Ralph was employed at Federal Paper Board in Elkhart for 31 years until their closing. He then worked at Ameri-Craft Carton in Sturgis where he retired from in 1999. Since his retirement, he was a farmer in LaGrange and loved tractors and going to farm auctions.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in LaGrange, American Legion Post No. 215, LaGrange and was the current chaplain and served on the color guard. He was also a member of the Farm Bureau Board, NRA, Sturgis Eagles, LaGrange Moose and a former member of the LaGrange Eagles.

Survivors include his wife Ida Johnson of LaGrange, one daughter Carol Jacobs of LaGrange, one son Martin Johnson of LaGrange, one brother Gerald M. (Marilyn) Johnson of Virginia, one sister Estella Carney of LaGrange, one grandson

### **David Edgell**

LIGONIER — David Edgell, 63, of Ligonier died unexpectedly Saturday, Dec. 11, 2010, at his residence. Arrangements are pending at the Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Trevor Johnson and one granddaughter Stephanie Smith.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one stepfather Earl Diekman and one infant brother Dennis.

Funeral services will be at First United Methodist Church in LaGrange on Tuesday, December 14 at 11 a.m. with Pastor Chris Danielson officiating.

Visitation will be at the First United Methodist Church in LaGrange Monday, December 13 from 4 - 8 p.m.

Burial will be in the Greenwood Cemetery with full military rites performed by the American Legion Post No. 215, LaGrange.

Memorials may be made to The American Legion Post #215 or the Humane Society of LaGrange.

Online Condolences may be sent to [Carneyfrost@earthlink.net](mailto:Carneyfrost@earthlink.net).

Funeral arrangements are being handled by Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

### **Robert Thomson**

PLEASANT LAKE — Robert B. Thomson, 74, died at 8 a.m. Friday, December 10, 2010 at his home.

He was born in Southport, Ind. on July 26, 1936, to Warren & Annabelle (Jones) Thomson.

He was a U.S. Navy Korean veteran. He worked for International Harvester for 13 years and Fruehauf for 18 years.

He married Carol J. Collins on Oct 29, 1962, in Kentland, Indiana. She passed away on July 30, 2008.

Survivors include three daughters and sons-in-law, Beth and Jeff Lynn of Rome



**Mr. Thomson**

City, Sherri and Scott Christoffel of Pleasant Lake and Terri and Kevin Northup of LaGrange; five grandchildren, Traci

Dean, Jim and Emily Christoffel, and Amanda and Travis Northup; one brother and sister-in-law, Bill (Flo) Thomson of Lewisville, Texas, and one sister and brother-in-law, Barbara Ann (Ed) Boone of Beaumont, Texas.

Services will be 4 p.m. Friday at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson with calling after 1 p.m. Mike Hamm of the Stroh Church of Christ will officiate.



## Elmer Carnahan

AUBURN — Elmer E. Carnahan, 58, of Auburn died Friday, Dec. 10, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.



Mr. Carnahan

Mr. Carnahan worked for Auburn Gear in Auburn for over 29 years, retiring in 2002.

He was a graduate of Carroll High School.

He was born Aug. 11, 1952, in Auburn, to Charles A. and Anita J. (McMaken) Carnahan. His dad preceded him in death and his mom survives in St. Joe.

He married Linda L. Miller on Nov. 4, 1972, in St. Joe. She survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Tabitha A. and Aaron Donovan of Auburn; a son and daughter-in-law, Aaron E. and Melanie Carnahan of Auburn; four grandchildren, Kaitlyn Carnahan, Hailey Carnahan, Evelyn Marie Carnahan and Cedric A. Carnahan; a sister and brother-in-law, Cynthia C. and Sheri Amburgey of St. Joe; two sisters-in-law and their spouses, Judy and Fred Smith of Churubusco, and Sandy and Harold Jarnagin of Auburn; three nieces; five nephews; and several great nieces and great nephews.

A celebration of life service will take place at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860

S. Center St., Auburn.

The family will receive friends from 3-7 p.m. Wednesday prior to the service.

Memorials may be directed to the National Children's Cancer Society, One South Memorial Drive, Suite 800, St. Louis, MO 63102.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit [www.fellerandclark.com](http://www.fellerandclark.com).

## Tracy Hicks

AUBURN — Tracy Ann Hicks, 40, of Auburn and formerly of Garrett died Friday, Dec. 10, 2010, at 1:55 p.m. in DeKalb

Memorial Hospital.

She graduated from Lakeland High School in 1988. She had previously been



Ms. Hicks

employed by Reinhart in Spencerville.

She was a member of Green Chapel Church, Wolcottville.

Tracy was born May 21, 1970, in Springfield, Ohio, to Monroe and Wilma (Slone) Hicks.

Surviving are two sons, Dakota Hicks of Auburn and Alex Padilla-Hicks at home; her mother and stepfather, Wilma and Ricky Blankenship of Wolcottville; three sisters, Sharon (Wade) Cheek of Texas, Lisa Castle of Fort Wayne, and Charmin (Patrick) Baxter of Kendallville; and a brother, Ben (Linda) Castle of Rome City.

She was preceded in death by her father on Sept. 19, 1992.

Funeral services will be Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, S.R. 9 North, Wolcottville, with Pastor Mel Heiniger of Green Chapel Church, Wolcottville, officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

Calling is Monday from 3-5 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the family.

View a video tribute after Monday or send condolences to the family at [www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com)

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**THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY** is being republished to include the time of service.

### Elizabeth Snyder

SPENCERVILLE — Elizabeth Annette (Vincent) Snyder, 76, died Thursday, December 9, 2010, at her home in Spencerville.

Annette was born April 10, 1934, in Belfast, Northern Ireland.

Her father, William John Campbell, and mother and stepfather, Sarah (Templeton) and William Patterson, have all passed away. She was also preceded in death by two



**Mrs. Snyder**

husbands, Ernest Grant Harding and Raymond Vincent, and a brother, Bill Campbell.

Annette was a nurse her entire life. For 30 years she worked for Victorian Order of Nurses in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, then in 1997 came to DeKalb County as the director of DeKalb Hospice program.

In 1998 she went to the Town House in Fort Wayne until her retirement in 2001.

She was a former member of the Auburn Rotary Club and was an active member of the First Christian Church in Auburn.

She married John Snyder on April 21, 2001, in Auburn and he survives. She is also survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Dayle and Larry Kinsey of Spencerville; a son, Jean-Pierre Vincent of Seattle, Wash.; a stepdaughter, Gina (Todd)

Dickson of Edgefield, S.C.; 10 grandchildren, Ariele Kinsey, Jamieson Vincent, Mason Vincent, Owen Vincent, Cory Dickson, Curtis Dickson, Clarke Dickson, Corien Dickson, Courtney Dickson and Carlanne Dickson; and three sisters, Jean of Toronto, Ontario, Canada, and Norma and Linda of Northern Ireland.

Services will be Tuesday, December 14, 2010, at 11 a.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, Ind.; with the Rev. Walter Coy officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Monday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

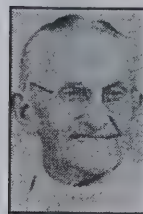
Memorials can be directed to DeKalb Memorial Hospice or First Christian Church, Auburn.

To view an obituary or send condolences visit [fellerandclark.com](http://fellerandclark.com).

### Ernest Wagner

AVILLA — Ernest "Ole Ern" Wagner, 92, of Avilla, died Friday, Dec. 10, 2010, at home.

He was raised in Mentone. The World War II Navy veteran was stationed



**Mr. Wagner**

at Pearl Harbor 70 years ago. He retired from Zollner Corp. after 37 years of service. He was a life member and past

commander of American Legion Post 82 and was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla.

He is survived by his daughter, Shelly (Tom) Bair of Fort Wayne; son, Bill Wagner of Avilla; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 56 years, Bette, in 1997; son, Ted Wagner, in 2008; five sisters and six brothers.

Services will be 9 a.m. Tuesday at Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road, Fort Wayne. He will be entombed

at Covington Memorial Gardens with military honors.

Calling is from 3-7 p.m., Monday.

Memorials may be made to Immanuel Lutheran Church, 113 West Albion St., Avilla, IN 46710.

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### Cynthia Sanxter

LAS CRUCES, N.M. — Cynthia Ann (Smith) Sanxter, 61, died Thursday, November 25, at her home in Las Cruces, New Mexico.

She was born August 5, 1949, in Fort Wayne, Indiana, to Sirleine M. Smith and the late Harold Wm. Smith.



**Ms. Sanxter**

Surviving are her mother,

Sirleine Smith of Auburn, Indiana, daughter Channing E. Sanxter of Denver, Colorado, son, daughter-in-law and two grandsons, Branyan Wm., Maria, William, and Landon Sanxter of Las Cruces, New Mexico, brothers Roger Smith of Los Alamos, New Mexico, Barry Smith of Auburn, Indiana, and sister Susan Scholtes of Ainsworth, Nebraska.

Cindy grew up on a farm east of Auburn where she loved horses and other animals and became active in 4-H, winning many ribbons. She was a 1966 graduate of the Auburn High School "Red Devils" where she participated in Speech Club, Pep Club, Future Teachers of America, Chorus, Homecoming and Christmas committees and the Devil Journal staff. As a student she worked at the Eckhart Public Library. She vied for the Miss DeKalb County crown.

She attended Indiana University and the Fort Wayne Art Institute.

She worked at Dana Corporation in Auburn. She married and moved to

Houston, Texas, and then Des Moines, Iowa. She settled in Los Alamos, New Mexico, in 1993, where she purchased and managed a restaurant. Later she moved to Las Cruces, New Mexico, to be near her children and grandsons.

Remembrances may be given to an animal-related organization or the Humane Society of the donor's choice.

Memorial services are planned for a later date.

### Charles Kratz

ANGOLA — Charles J. Kratz, 85, of Angola died Dec 10, 2010, at Lakeland

Nursing Center, Angola.



**Mr. Kratz**

He was born Dec. 6, 1925, in Angola to Harold and Evangeline (Pilliod) Kratz.

He married Geneva Wise Allen Kratz on March 4, 1961, and was a U.S. Navy veteran.

He was a farmer and a printer at Bodie Printing and Commercial Graphics in Angola until his retirement in 1995.

Survivors include his wife, Geneva Allen Kratz of Angola, two sons, Kevin Kratz of Pleasant Lake and Jeremy (Amy) Kratz of Phoenix, Ariz.; four daughters, Debra (Marc) Hamman of Hamilton, Danise (David) Tuckey of Quincy, Mich., Danette (Timothy) Rogers of Greenville, S.C., and Dianna (Reggie) Olson of Jones, Mich.; 20 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sisters Louise Woodward and Virginia Gay Kuhman and brothers Henry Kratz and Frederick Kratz.

He was a member of the Angola Christian Church, a 60-year-plus member of the Angola American Legion Post 31 and was a former member of the Angola Moose Lodge.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Angola Christian Church in Angola. A military service will be conducted by the Angola American Legion Post 31.

Visitation will be from 1-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the Angola Christian Church, Angola, with Pastor Darrold Beck and Pastor Jim Hulbert officiating. Burial will be at Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

Memorials may be made to Lake James Christian Assembly.

You may sign the guestbook at [www.weichtfh.com](http://www.weichtfh.com).

Funeral arrangements are being handled by the Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.



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### **Irvin Coplin**

AVILLA — Irvin Bruce Coplin, age 88, died on Saturday, December 11, 2010, at 5:37 a.m. at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born on August 13, 1922 in Woodburn, Indiana and was the son of Paul C. and Margaret Elizabeth (Pepple) Coplin.

Mr. Coplin graduated from Payne High School in Payne, Ohio, and was in the class of 1939, and studied at Indiana Tech for a year. He came to the Noble

County area in 1956, and was a farmer for his life's work, and also retired from International Harvester in Fort Wayne.

On September 13, 1943, he married Barbara Wasson in Spencerville. She survives in Avilla.

He served his country as a sergeant in the United States Army during World War II. He was a member of the Avilla Masonic Lodge No. 460 F & A.M., American Legion Post 240 in Avilla, and the Noble County Antique Gas and Steam Association.

Irvin loved spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and loved to discuss politics, tractors and farming.

Surviving are his wife of 67 years, Barbara Coplin, a son, Irvin Bruce (Sharon) Coplin Jr. of Avilla; two daughters A. Christine (Kenny) Butler of Avilla, and Kathryn Williams of South Milford; eight

grandchildren, Lee Butler, Matthew Coplin, Phillip Coplin, Amy Pierson, Tammie Fluke, Melinda Stackhouse, Rebecca Butler and Joshua Williams. 14 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Also surviving are a brother-in-law, Jean W. Wasson of Auburn, two sisters-in-law, Eileen Coplin of Avilla and Rosemary Coplin of Albion. Many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, a son-in-law, Isaac Ed Williams and three brothers, George Earl Coplin, Carl Eugene Coplin and Marvin Coplin.

Funeral services for Mr. Coplin will be Tuesday, December 14, 2010, at 11:00 a.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel. Rev. Carter Hicks will officiate.

Visitation will be on Monday evening from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home. Masonic Funeral Rites will be conducted at 7:30 p.m.

Burial following the funeral will be at White City Cemetery in Spencerville. Pallbearers will be Matthew Coplin, Phillip Coplin, Joshua Williams, Frank Stotler, Lee Butler and Dennis Pierson.

Honorary pallbearers will be Russell Coplin, Justin Coplin, Danin Fluke, and Clayton Fluke and Lance Rogers.

Please make memorials to the Avilla Masonic Lodge No. 460, F. & A.M.

Go to [brazzellfuneral-home.com](http://brazzellfuneral-home.com) to send online condolences.

### **Viola Gingerich**

LAGRANGE — Viola Gingerich, 94, of LaGrange, died at 12:05 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 11, 2010, at Miller's Merry Manor, LaGrange.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Shore Mennonite Church, Shippshewana. Services will be conducted by Rev. Carl Horner. Burial will be in Shore Cemetery, Shippshewana.

Visitation will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, 1003 S. Main St., Middlebury.

Memorials are to a trust fund in care of First State Bank for her blind great-great granddaughter, August Christian Haszler, or the Middlebury Food Pantry.

### **Edith Getts**

ASHLEY — Edith Getts, 89, died at 9:05 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, 2010, in Carmel Ind.

Services are pending for later in the week at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

### **Thomas Taite**

KENDALLVILLE — Thomas Jay Taite, 48, formerly of Kendallville, died Friday, Dec. 10, 2010, at his home in Anderson. Funeral services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.



**Mr. Coplin**

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**Thomas Taite**

KENDALLVILLE — Thomas Jay Taite, 48, formerly of Kendallville, died Friday, December 10, 2010 at his home in

Anderson.



**Mr. Taite**

Mr. Taite was born on Sunday, November 18, 1962 in Kendallville to Robert Paul and JoAnn (Poyser)

Taite. He attended East Noble High School and proudly served in the United States Marine Corps and was stationed at Camp Pendleton from 1980-1983.

Tom loved the outdoors, particularly hunting and fishing, and was an avid NASCAR and Indianapolis Colts fan.

He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Stephanie Marie and John Fleckenstein; granddaughter Madalyn Lee and grandson Carter Jay of Lake of the Woods; his mother, who resides in Kendallville; and two brothers, Robert John of Lake Forest, Illinois and Michael James of Muncie.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Funeral services will be Tuesday, December 14, 2010, at 3 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 South Main Street, Kendallville with Rev. Leon Pomeroy officiating the service. Visitation for family and friends will be from 1-3 p.m. Tuesday. Burial will take place later at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Send a condolence to the Taite family online at [www.hitefuneralhome.com](http://www.hitefuneralhome.com)

**Nella Gibson**

AUBURN — Nella "Mae" Gibson, 75, died Saturday, December 11, 2010 at her home in Auburn surrounded by her family.

She was born May 21, 1935 in Knott, Ky. to Noah O. and Frances (Conley) Gibson, who have both passed away.

She was a homemaker and also worked at Electric Motors in Garrett for 10 years before retiring in 2005.

She is survived by a son, Thomas R. Jackson of Whitesboro, Tex., and a daughter, Kathleen F. Hunt of Auburn. There are eight grandchildren, including Eli Jackson of Auburn and Kristina Morin of Auburn, whom she raised as her own, taking them on many special trips and adventures. She

has eight great-grandchildren and two sisters, Helen Zimmerman of Brimfield and Della Faye Ruff of Turtle Lake, Wis.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Kimberly F. Ray; nine sisters and seven brothers.

Services will be 2 p.m. Friday, December 17, 2010 at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, Waterloo with Tom Wilcoxson officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery, Waterloo. Calling is Thursday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to Feed the Children.

To view an obituary or send condolences, visit [fellerandclark.com](http://fellerandclark.com)

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## James Carcione

**WOLCOTTVILLE** — James S. Carcione, 79, of Pretty Lake, Wolcottville, died Saturday, Dec. 11, 2010, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He retired as a mold maker for Zollner in Fort Wayne, then moved to Pretty Lake, where he lived for the last 40 years. He was a member of the Pretty Lake Conservation Club.

James was born on Nov. 26, 1931, in Galion, Ohio, to the late Sebastian and Elizabeth (Raby) Carcione. He married Barbara Trim on Nov. 11, 1972, in South Milford. She preceded him in death on July 28, 2002.

Surviving are his children, Steve (Collette) Carcione of Van Wert, Ohio, Curtis (Carolyn) Carcione and Rosemarie (David) Johnson, all of Wolcottville, Larry (Sherry) Carcione of Hudson, and Tracey (Al) Mitchell of Lucama, N.C.; a stepdaughter, Lisa (Daniel) O Prough of LaGrange; a lifetime companion, Phyllis Miller of Fort Wayne; 14 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; a sister, Rosemary Kintz of Fort Wayne; and two brothers, Tony Carcione of Fort Wayne and LeRoy Carcione of Wolcottville.

Services will be at 11 a.m. on Thursday at the Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, with the Rev. Bernard Ramenaden officiating. Burial will be in Lake Bethel Cemetery, rural



**Mr. Carcione**

## Edith Getts

**ASHLEY** — Edith Getts, 89, was called home by our Lord at 9:05 a.m. Saturday December 11, 2010 at



**Mrs. Getts**

Sunrise on Old Meridian in Carmel, Indiana. Mrs. Getts was a loving wife mother and homemaker. Edith was born on July 29, 1921 in Clay County, Tennessee to Willie Hugh and Ova (Boone) Reecer.

She married James L. Getts on April 4, 1942. James preceded her in death on June 1, 2007.

Their love for each other served as an example to everyone that knew them.

She was also preceded in death by two sisters, Opal and Marjorie. Mrs. Getts was a member of Cedar Lake Church Of Christ, Waterloo.

Edith was always "on call" to help anyone that needed help. When it became impossible to go visit and help, she would get on the phone to give words of encouragement.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Richard L. and Sarah Getts of Indianapolis and Robert and Joyce Getts of Carmel; seven grandchildren, Jeffrey Getts Winter, Paul Getts, Jennifer Getts Smith, Julia Getts, Joseph Getts, James Robert Getts II and Ryan Matthew Getts; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday December 18, 2010 at Cedar Lake Church Of Christ, 1492 CR 27, Waterloo with minister Steve Evans officiating. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson. Calling will be at the church after 12:30 p.m. on Saturday.

Memorials are to Alzheimer's Association of Greater Indiana, 50 East 91st Street - Suite 100, Indianapolis, IN 46240.

Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to [www.dalejohnsonfh.com](http://www.dalejohnsonfh.com)

LaGrange.

Calling will be Wednesday at the funeral home from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or The American Diabetes Association.

Online condolences may be submitted to the family at [www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com](http://www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com)



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### **William Walters**

AVILLA — William Powell Walters, 71, of Avilla and formerly of Gastonia, North Carolina, died on Saturday, December 11, 2010, at 2:30 a.m. at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Mr. Walters was born on November 11, 1939, in Dallas, North Carolina, to the late Marvin and Alice (Shelton) Walters. On November 26, 2005, he married Penny (Sample) Spaw. She survives in Avilla.

Powell lived most of his life in Gastonia, North Carolina, where he was a self-employed classic car salesman. He relocated to Avilla in 2005 after marrying Penny.

He was an avid golfer, enjoyed playing cards, taking drives and wintering in Florida.

He is survived by his wife Penny of Avilla; three daughters; a son; and eight grandchildren.

He is also survived by three bonus sons and one daughter and 14 bonus grandchildren and four bonus great-grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place and no local services are scheduled.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

To sign the online guest register book go to [www.brazzellfuneralhome.com](http://www.brazzellfuneralhome.com).

### **Kenneth Beckley**

ALBION — Kenneth D. "Kenny" Beckley, 67, lifetime Albion resident died with his family and friends by his side on Saturday, December 11, 2010, at 8:25 a.m. at his residence outside of Albion.

Mr. Beckley was born on August 18, 1943, in Kendallville, Indiana, to the late Robert L. and Louise (Kettleborough) Beckley. On May 22, 1998, in Round Up, Montana, he married Carol K. (Fisher) Beckley. She survives in Albion.

Kenny retired as an over-the-road truck driver and proudly served his country in the U.S. Army from 1962 to 1964.

He is survived by his wife, Carol Beckley; a daughter, Carie Beckley of Brimfield; and a brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Teri Beckley of Albion.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Brian Beckley; and a brother, Charles Beckley.

Per Kenny's request there will be no services and cremation will take place.

Memorials may be made to the family and sent to the Brazzell Funeral Home, 771 Trailridge Road, Albion, IN 46701.

To sign the online guest register book, go to [www.brazzellfuneralhome.com](http://www.brazzellfuneralhome.com).

### **Darrell Stoll**

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Darrell D. Stoll, 62, of Hicksville died Sunday, Dec. 12, 2010, at his home.

Surviving are two sons, Zac Stoll of Hicksville and Andrew Peters; his mother and stepfather, Martha and John Hochstetler; two sisters, Catherine Kay and John Gentry of Fort Wayne, Ind., and Wilma Jean and Alan Stark of Howell, Mich.; a niece, Annette and Dustin Balser of Leo, Ind.; and two great-nephews, Brodie and Ryder Balser of Leo, Ind.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Hicksville Mennonite Church, Hicksville, with visitation one hour prior to service. Visitation will also be from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the church.

Burial will be in Yaggy Cemetery, Grabill, Ind.

Memorials may be made to Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation Center or Community Health Professionals (Hospice).

Smith & Brown Funeral Home in Hicksville is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be shared at [www.smithbrownfuneralhome.com](http://www.smithbrownfuneralhome.com).

### **DeVella Karnes**

AUBURN — DeVella M. Karnes, 90, of Auburn died Sunday, December 12, 2010, at Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home in Butler.

Arrangements are pending at the Feller & Clark Funeral Home in Waterloo.

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### David Edgell

LIGONIER — David L. Edgell, age 63, of Ligonier, Ind., passed away following an extended illness on Saturday morning December 11, 2010, in his residence.

David was born on October 12, 1947, in Lafayette, Ind.

On December 21, 1975, he married

Bonnie (Jackson) Edgell. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Ryan Edgell of Indianapolis and Nathan Edgell of Terre Haute; a granddaughter, Khrista Edgell at home; his father, Jim Gruver of Indianapolis; and four siblings, Mike (Cindy) Gruver of Lafayette, and Chris Gruver, Jim (Betsy) Gruver and Jodi Rangel, all of Indianapolis.

During Mr. Edgell's life he displayed great dedication to his community. He was involved in numerous causes promoting the betterment of Ligonier and its residents. David was a member of the American Legion, Elks and Eagles. He was also known as a successful entrepreneur having owned and operated several businesses and managed numerous properties successfully.

This included the Pizza Shack and Ligonier Liquors, which he together with his wife, Bonnie, had owned and operated for more than 30 years. It is important to note that David was a very passionate Purdue University fan.



**Mr. Edgell**

### Donzella Graham

ST. JOE — Donzella J. Graham, 92, of St. Joe died Monday, Dec. 13, 2010, at DeKalb Hospital in Auburn.

Arrangements are pending at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville, Ind.

### Dawson Gorrell

HAMILTON — Dawson "Gene" Gorrell, 59, of Hamilton passed away Monday, December 13, 2010, at his home.

A Steuben County resident for his entire life, he was well known as a mechanic and race car driver.

Surviving are his companion, Holly; a daughter, Nicola Isa; a son and daughter-in-law, Nik and Andrea Gorrell; three grandchildren, Jordan Isa, Dawson and Landon Gorrell; a sister, Pam Aldrich; and two nieces and their spouses, Sherry and Kevin Hefty, and Tammy and Rich Rinehart.

A memorial service will be held at 5 p.m. Saturday, December 18, 2010, at the Hamilton Fish and Game Club, with Jeff Alexander officiating.

After the service concludes, the family invites friends and family to stay for a celebration of his life.

Memorials may be directed to the Laurie Hill Cancer Benefit "2011."

Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling arrangements.

To view and online obituary or to send condolences, visit [www.fellerandclark.com](http://www.fellerandclark.com).

A funeral service will be held in Mr. Edgell's honor at 1 p.m. on Saturday, December 18, 2010, at Ligonier United Methodist Church, 466 Townline Road, Ligonier. Sister Elsie Fregeau of Calvary Lutheran Church, Cromwell, will officiate. Burial will follow in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

A visitation will be held on Friday, December 17, 2010, from 2-8 p.m. at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Edgell Scholarship Fund, 1599 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, IN 46767 or Ligonier City Gift Fund, 103 W. Third St., Ligonier, IN 46767.

## Omer Lambright

TOPEKA — Omer T. Lambright, 88, of Topeka died Monday, Dec. 13, 2010, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital, LaGrange.

He was a farmer and member of the Old Order Amish Church.

Mr. Lambright was born Feb. 20, 1922, in LaGrange County to Tobias and Lizzie (Troyer) Lambright. On April 5, 1945, in Topeka, he married Barbara D. Frey. She died April 12, 2008.

Surviving are two daughters, Lizzie Ellen Lambright of Topeka and LeAnna Troyer of Lagrange; three sons, LeRoy (Anna) Lambright, LaVern (Esther) Lambright and Lloyd (Lenora) Lambright, all of Topeka; 38 grandchildren; 80 great-grandchildren; a sister Viola (John) Miller of Topeka; four brothers, Calvin (Ida) Lambright of Topeka, Freeman (Susan) Lambright of Middlebury, Harley (Ida) Lambright of Topeka and Leland (Anna) Lambright of Topeka; two sisters-in-law, Ada Lambright of Ava, Ill., and Susie Lambright of Orleans; and a brother-in-law, Eli (Elizabeth) Miller of Topeka.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Orpha Bontrager and LeAnna Miller, two brothers, Richard and Joas Lambright; one grandchild; two great-grandchildren; and a son-in-law, Daniel J. Troyer.

Visitation will be after 1 p.m. today and all day Wednesday at the Lloyd Lambright residence, 5430 W. C.R. 600S, Topeka. Funeral services will be at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, also at Lloyd Lambright residence.

Services will be conducted by Bishop John Eash and the home ministers. Burial will be in Hawpatch Cemetery, Topeka.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent at [millerstewartfuneralhome.com](http://millerstewartfuneralhome.com).

## Norma Milhollin

PLEASANT LAKE — Norma E. Milhollin, 87, of Pleasant Lake died Sunday, Dec. 12, 2010, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mrs. Milhollin was a school teacher and had taught at Dunkirk, Scott Center, Pleasant Lake and Angola Middle School, all in Indiana. She retired from Angola Middle School in 1989.

She graduated from Eaton High School in Eaton, Ind., and received a master's degree from Ball State University.

Mrs. Milhollin was a member of Fairview Missionary Church in Angola.

She was also a member of the Red Hats, Psi Iota Psi Sorority and the Indiana Retired Teachers Association.

She was born July 17, 1923 in Delaware County, Ind., to William P. and Elma (Taylor) Love. She married Julius Milhollin May 5, 1945. He died Dec. 4, 1984.

Surviving are a son, Bill and Sue Milhollin of Angola; a daughter, Patty Mackey of Pleasant Lake; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Lawrence Love and James Love; and two sisters, Louise Davis and Wilma Hartzell.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola with the Rev. Norman Fuller officiating. Burial will be in Eaton Cemetery in Eaton, Ind.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Association.

Sign a guestbook at [www.weichtfh.com](http://www.weichtfh.com).



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**DeVella Karnes**

AUBURN — DeVella M. Karnes, 90, of Auburn died Sunday, Dec. 12, 2010, at Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home in Butler.

Mrs. Karnes was a homemaker and also worked as a secretary for the Dana Corp. in Auburn and then for the DeKalb County Drainage Board.

She was a member of the Auburn Church of Christ, the Order of the Eastern Star, the Home Demonstration Club, and the Auburn Community Concert Association.

She was born July 10, 1920, in Garrett to William H. and Mary L. (Lock) Sleek. They preceded her in death.

She married Harold Don DeWitt on Aug. 3, 1940, in Garrett, and he died Feb. 10, 1956. She then married Duaine H. Karnes I on July 11, 1958, in Auburn, and he died June 17, 2010.

Surviving are five daughters and sons-in-law, Judy E. and Don Frank of Stryker, Ohio, Karen R. and Phil Landel of Auburn, Cheryl S. and David Peck of Farmington, Ark., Christine A. and Jerry Wilhelm of Waterloo and Freida L. and Randy Michael of Auburn; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Duaine H. Karnes II of Hamilton, and Douglas E. and Rita Karnes of Knoxville, Tenn.; a sister, Mary Harber of Tiffin, Ohio; 21 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son-in-law, John N. Grimm; a daughter-in-law, Karen L. Karnes; six



**Mrs. Karnes**

**Donzella Graham**

ST. JOE — Donzella Joy Graham, 92, died Monday, Dec. 13, 2010, at DeKalb Hospital in Auburn, Ind.

Donnie was a homemaker and enjoyed doing crafts and reading.

She was a member of the Spencerville United Methodist Church, Spencerville Eastern Star No. 386 and the Homemakers Club.

sisters, Fern Sleek, Addie Sleek, Della Brown, Edna Byanski, Clara Morris and Ruby King; and three brothers, Cloysey Sleek, William "Claude" Sleek and C. Dale Sleek.

Services will be 11 a.m. Saturday at Auburn Church of Christ, 208 W. Eighteenth St., Auburn, with Pastor Douglas E. Karnes officiating. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Edgerton, Ohio.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and also one hour prior to the service at the church Saturday.

Memorials are to the Auburn Church of Christ, World Team (grandson Tony/missionary to Mozambique, Africa), or Mystery Church (grandson Nathan/inner city ministry Webb City, MO).

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit [www.fellerandclark.com](http://www.fellerandclark.com).

She was born on February 15, 1918, in Butler, Ind., to the late Burton Eugene and Emma (Baker) Shumaker.

She married Wallace Paul Graham on November 12, 1938, in Butler and he preceded her in death on February 15, 2005.

Surviving are two sons, Wallace Graham and James (Deb) Graham, all of Auburn, Ind.; two daughters, Carol (Ed) Seiler and Jilaine Pace (Doug Daniels), all of St. Joe, Ind.; eight grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and one, great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by a daughter-in-law, Erlene Graham; a brother, Delmar Shumaker; and two sisters, Opal Handy and June Ulrich.

Calling will be held on Thursday, Dec. 16, 2010, from 3-7 p.m. at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville, Ind., with an Eastern Star service being held at 7 p.m.

Services will be held on Friday at 11 a.m. at the Spencerville United Methodist Church with Pastor Donna Gammon officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, St. Joe, Ind.

Memorials are to the Spencerville United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 100, Spencerville, IN 46788.



**Mrs. Graham**

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## Shirley Buchtel

LIGONIER — Shirley L. Buchtel, 75, of Ligonier, Ind., died at 4:30 p.m. Monday, December 13, 2010, at Goshen General Hospital following an extended illness.

Mrs. Buchtel grew up in the Goshen area and lived there until moving to Ligonier in 1962.

She worked as a telephone operator in LaGrange until retiring in 1978.

Mrs. Buchtel graduated from Goshen High School in 1953.

She enjoyed crocheting and collecting Eeyore memorabilia. She was an avid fan of NASCAR driver Ryan Newman.

She was born July 15, 1935, in Stroh, Ind., to Jesse and Gladys Ott. She married John R. Buchtel Sr. on September 19, 1958. He preceded her in death October 15, 1973.

Surviving are four children, Richard (Robin) Buchtel of Ligonier, Juliann (Danny) Staton of Cromwell, DeWayne (Angela) Buchtel of Cromwell and Julie (Dan) Geller of Ligonier; nine grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Dennis Brumbaugh of Fort Wayne and Sherman (Marilyn) Dunafin of Sturgis, Mich.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Joe Buchtel in 1983; a grandson, Anthony Staton in 1988; a stepson, John Butchel Jr. in 1994; her parents; a brother, Truman Arver in 1997; and a sister, Berdella Crowell.

Funeral services will be



**Mrs. Buchtel**

at 10 a.m. Friday, December 17, 2010, at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, with the Rev. Mel Harrell of the Ligonier Church of Christ officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday, December 16, 2010, at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.yeagerfuneralhome.com](http://www.yeagerfuneralhome.com).

## Linda Craft

FORT WAYNE — Linda L. Craft, 76, passed away Monday, December 13, 2010, at home surrounded by her loving family. Born in Fort Wayne, Ind., Linda worked as a graphic designer.



She **Mrs. Craft** enjoyed cooking, bingo and arts and crafts.

She is survived by her husband of 41 years, Gene Craft of Fort Wayne; sons, Rick (Shelley) Craft and Mark Gillingham, both of Avilla, Ind.; grandson, Matthew Craft of Florence, Ala.; and great-grandchildren, Colton and Mara.

Linda was preceded in death by her son, Brian; and grandchildren, Brice and Paige.

Services are at 10 a.m. Friday at D.O. McComb and Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 East Dupont Road, with 2 p.m. graveside service at Lakeside Cemetery in Fremont, Ind.

Visitation will be Thursday from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Riley Children's Hospital.

To sign the online guest book, go to [www.mccombandsons.com](http://www.mccombandsons.com).

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**Alta Doughman**

FORT WAYNE — Alta Eleanor Doughman, 95, most recently of Seminole, Fla., passed away December 13, 2010.

Mrs. Doughman had also lived in Fort Wayne, Kendallville, Warsaw and Syracuse.

She was a proud graduate of Miami University of Oxford, Ohio, and was a retired Indiana high school business teacher.

Mrs. Doughman was an active member of Fort Wayne's South Wayne Baptist Church and the Kendallville, Warsaw and Syracuse United Methodist churches.

She was born to Frank and Gertrude (Hilliard) Laub in Hicksville, Ohio.

She is survived by her two children, a son, Dennis F. (Jean) Doughman of Seminole, Fla.; a daughter, Janis A. (Bob) Bollinger of Clarkson, Kentucky; four grandchildren; and 13 great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Weldon H. "Bud" Doughman; three brothers, Richard H. "Dick," Claron L. "Bud" Laub both of Hicksville, Ohio, and Gerald F. Laub of San Diego, Calif.; and one grandchild.

A graveside service to celebrate her life is at 1 p.m., Friday, December 17, 2010, at Covington Memorial Gardens and Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road, Fort Wayne.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are to the scholarship fund at the Inn at Freedom Square, Seminole, Fla.



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## Luella Mae Beiswanger, 84

Luella Mae Beiswanger, age 84, of Kendallville, passed away on Tuesday, December 7, 2010 at Lutheran Life Villages in Kendallville.

Mrs. Beiswanger was born in Logansport on January 31, 1926 to the late Schuyler L. and Nellie Ola (Azbell) Bean.

She first married Wilton R. Kotterman on April 23, 1945 and he passed away February 12, 1972.

Later she married Cyrus LeRoy Beiswanger on July 1, 1972 in Kendallville and he passed away October 22, 2007.

Lou was a member of the South Milford Church of Christ and she worked for many years downtown Kendallville as a bookkeeper for the Seagley Hardware and Gift Shop. She enjoyed playing games and cards and was an avid shuffleboard player both in Kendallville and Avon Park, Florida where she and LeRoy spent many winters. Her favorite memories were those times spent with family and friends.

Survivors include; daughters, Jackie and Harold Kline of Kendallville, Connie and Mike Crist of Kendallville; son, Jeff and Pam Kotterman of Kendallville; step-daughter, Suzi and Bob Conrad of Kendallville; nine grandchildren: Julie and Steve Blankenship of Kendallville; Jean Ann Potts of Kendallville; Chad and Cassandra Crist of Alpharetta, Georgia, Shane and Maila Crist of Cincinnati, Ohio, Ryan and Monica Crist of Lexington, South Carolina, Nathan Kotterman of Chicago, Illinois, and Emily and Nate Shamp of Angola; step-grandchildren, Tracy Conrad of South Milford and Troy and Michelle Conrad of Kendallville; 15 great-grandchildren, sister, Marybelle Bell of Virginia Beach, Virginia; brother, William Bean of Texas.

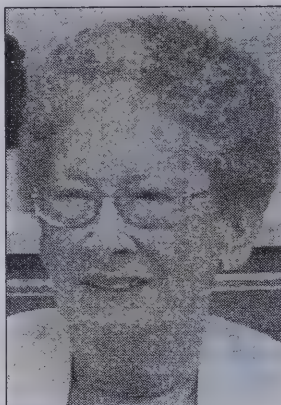
She was preceded in death by her sister, June Lowe and brother, Ray Bean.

A celebration of Lou's Life will be private for the family at South Milford Church of Christ.

Preferred memorials may be made to Early Adventures Child Care.

Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville is assisting the family with arrangements.

Send a condolence to the family or view a video tribute of Luella by Friday at [www.hitefuneralhome.com](http://www.hitefuneralhome.com).



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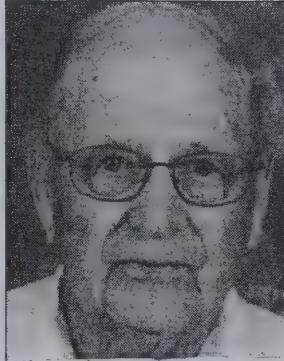
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## Irvin Bruce Coplin, 88

Irvin Bruce Coplin, age 88, died on Saturday, December 11, 2010 at 5:37 a.m. at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born on August 13, 1922 in Woodburn, Indiana and was the son of Paul C. and Margaret Elizabeth (Pepple) Coplin.

Mr. Coplin graduated from Payne High School in Payne, Ohio and was in the



class of 1939, and studied at Indiana Tech for a year. He came to the Noble County area in 1956, and was a farmer for his life's work, and also retired from International Harvester in Fort Wayne.

On September 13, 1943, he married Barbara Wasson in Spencerville. She survives in Avilla.

He served his country as a sergeant in the United States Army during World War II. He was a member of the Avilla Masonic Lodge No. 460 F & A.M., American Legion Post 240 in Avilla, and the Noble County Antique Gas and Steam Association.

Irvin loved spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and loved to discuss politics, tractors and farming.

Surviving are his wife of 67 years, Barbara Coplin; a son, Irvin Bruce (Sharon) Coplin Jr. of Avilla; two daughters, A. Christine (Kenny) Butler of Avilla, and Kathryn Williams of South Milford; eight grandchildren, Lee Butler, Matthew Coplin, Phillip Coplin, Amy Pierson, Tammie Fluke, Melinda Stackhouse, Rebecca Butler, and Joshua Williams; 14 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Also surviving are a brother in law, Jean W. Wasson of Auburn; two sisters-in-law, Eileen Coplin of Avilla and Rosemary Coplin of Albion; and many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents; a son-in-law, Isaac Ed Williams and three brothers; George Earl Coplin, Carl Eugene Coplin and Marvin Coplin.

Funeral services for Mr. Coplin were Tuesday, December 14, 2010 at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel. Rev. Carter Hicks officiated.

Burial followed the funeral at White City Cemetery in Spencerville.

Pallbearers were Matthew Coplin, Phillip Coplin, Joshua Williams, Frank Stotler, Lee Butler, and Dennis Pierson.

Honorary pallbearers were Russell Coplin, Justin Coplin, Danin Fluke, and Clayton Fluke, and Lance Rogers.

Please make memorials to the Avilla Masonic Lodge No. 460, F. & A.M.

Go to [brazzellfuneralhome.com](http://brazzellfuneralhome.com) to send online condolences.

## **Thelma I. Cook, 81**

Thelma I. Cook, age 81, of Kimmell, IN passed away at 2:42 PM on December 8, 2010 in her residence following an extended illness. She was born January 31, 1929 to Fred & Grace (Cinnamon) Stingley in Fulton County, IN.

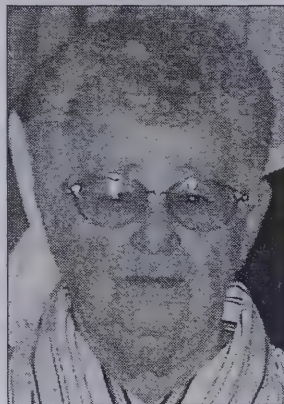
On April 12, 1947 in North Manchester, IN she married James Cook. They later moved to Kimmell, IN in 1957 coming from Kewanna, IN. Thelma worked on the family farm most of her life. She also worked for several years at Lyall Electric in Cromwell. Thelma enjoyed bird watching, nature, cooking, and above all cooking and caring for her family whom she loved dearly and considered them to be her life.

Surviving are her husband, James Cook of Kimmell; three children, Judy (David) Clayton of Kimmell, Larry (Katie) Cook of Albion, Peggy (Kenneth) Strock of Kimmell; eight grandchildren, Brad (Carla Snyder) Smith of Kimmell, Ron (Christi) Smith of Kimmell, Heather Irwin of Fort Wayne, Tara (Mike Strieby) Lepper of Milford, Nick (Briana) Cook of Muncie, Jennifer (Eric) Covey of Ligonier, Kenny Strock of Kimmell, & Heather Strock of Kimmell; nine great-grandchildren; three sisters, Opal (Vern) Kissingner of Royal Center, Pat Greer of Rochester and Alice (Dick) Webb of Mentone; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Mary Kathryn Barden.

A funeral service was held in her honor on Monday, December 13, 2010 at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, IN 46767, with Chaplin Robin La Rue officiating. Burial was at Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell, IN.

Memorial contributions are to Heartland Home Health Care & Hospice, 1315 Directors Row Ste. 206, Fort Wayne, IN 46808.

The Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.yeagerfuneralhome.com](http://www.yeagerfuneralhome.com).





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### **Kenneth D. Beckley, 67**

Kenneth D. "Kenny" Beckley 67, lifetime Albion resident, died with his family and friends by his side on Saturday, December 11, 2010 at 8:25 A.M. at his residence outside of Albion.

Mr. Beckley was born on August 18, 1943 in Kendallville, Indiana to the late Robert L. and Louise (Kettleborough) Beckley. On May 22, 1998 in Round Up Montana he married Carol K. (Fisher) Beckley, she survives in Albion.

Kenny retired as an over the road truck driver and proudly served his country in the U.S. Army from 1962 to 1964.

He is survived by his wife Carol Beckley; a daughter Carrie Beckley of Brimfield; a Brother and Sister in law; Robert and Teri Beckley of Albion.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a son Brian Beckley and a brother Charles Beckley.

Per Kenny's request there will be no services and cremation will take place.

Memorials may be made to the family and sent to The Brazzell Funeral Home, 771 Trailridge Road, Albion, Indiana 46701

Arrangements have been entrusted to John A. Brazzell of the Brazzell Funeral Homes and Cremation Services.

To sign the online guest register book, go to [www.brazzellfuneralhome.com](http://www.brazzellfuneralhome.com)

### **William Powell Walters, 71**

William Powell Walters, 71, of Avilla and formerly of Gastonia, North Carolina, died on Saturday, December 11, 2010 at 2:30 A.M. at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Mr. Walters was born on November 11, 1939 in Dallas, North Carolina to the late Marvin and Alice (Shelton) Walters. On November 26, 2005 he married Penny (Sample) Spaw, she survives in Avilla.

Powell lived most of his life in Gastonia, North Carolina where he was a self employed classic car salesman. He relocated to Avilla in 2005 after marrying Penny. He was an avid golfer, enjoyed playing cards, taking drives and wintering in Florida.

He is survived by his wife Penny of Avilla; three daughters and a son, and eight grandchildren.

He is also survived by three bonus sons and a daughter and 14 bonus grandchildren and four bonus great grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place and no local services are scheduled.

To sign the online guest register book go to [www.brazzellfuneralhome.com](http://www.brazzellfuneralhome.com)

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**Eugene Lyle Deck, 57**

Eugene Lyle Deck, age 57, of Rome City, Ind., died peacefully at his residence surrounded by his family on Saturday, December 11, 2010 at 8:10 a.m. Born on July 18, 1953 in Wolf Lake, Ind. he was the son of Ralph and Vada I. (Smeltzer)Deck.

A resident of Wolf Lake for 23 years, then Albion for 13 years, he recently moved to Rome City in November of 2010. On November 6, 1971 he was united in marriage to Angela F. Kuhn. He worked in the Tool & Die industry. In addition to his love of his family, he was an avid hunter and fisherman.

He is survived by his wife of 39 years, Angela F. Deck of Rome City; daughter, Ge'Onna M. (Sean) Decker of Columbia City; sons, Travis E. (Stephanie Moore) Deck of Garrett, Ind., and Trevor E. Deck of Rome City; grandchildren, Regan and Nicholas Decker of Columbia City; parents, Ralph and Vada Deck of Albion, Ind.; brothers, Joe (Jackie) Klase of Goshen, Ind., Bruce Deck of Albion, and Ralph Deck, Jr. of Albion; sisters, Tina Deck of Albion, Shari (Rocky) Taylor of Albion; Linda (Randy) Kuhn of Cromwell, and Wanda Hines of Albion. He is also survived by special uncles and aunts and many nieces and nephews.

At Mr. Deck's request services will be private. Donations in Eugene's memory may be made to Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana, 6316 Mutual Dr., Fort Wayne, IN 46825. Arrangements have been entrusted to DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City, Ind. To sign the guest register or leave the family a condolence, please visit [www.demoneygrimes.com](http://www.demoneygrimes.com).

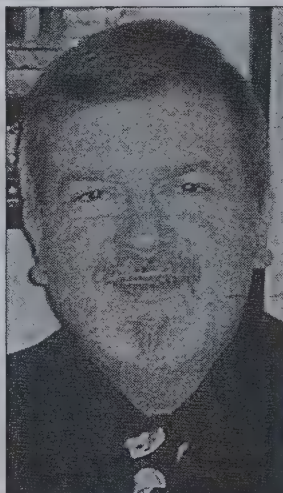
## **David L. Edgell, 63**

David L. Edgell, age 63, of Ligonier, IN passed away following an extended illness on Saturday morning December 11, 2010 in his residence. David was born on October 12, 1947 in Lafayette, IN.

On December 21, 1975 he married Bonnie (Jackson) Edgell, she survives. Also surviving are two sons: Ryan Edgell of Indianapolis and Nathan Edgell of Terre Haute; a granddaughter: Khrista Edgell at home; his father: Jim Gruver of

Indianapolis; four siblings: Mike (Cindy) Gruver of Lafayette, Chris Gruver, Jim (Betsy) Gruver, & Jodi Rangel all of Indianapolis.

During Mr. Edgell's life he displayed great dedication to his community. He was involved in numerous causes promoting the betterment of Ligonier and its residents. David was a member of the American Legion, Elks, and Eagles. He was also known as a successful entrepreneur having owned & operated several businesses & managed numerous properties successfully. This included the Pizza Shack and Ligonier



Liquors which he together with his wife Bonnie had owned & operated for more than 30 years. It is important to note that David was a very passionate Purdue University fan.

A funeral service will be held in Mr. Edgell's honor at 1 p.m. on December 18, 2010 at Ligonier United Methodist Church- 466 Townline Road; Ligonier, IN 46767. Sister Elsie Fregeau of Calvary Lutheran Church, Cromwell will officiate. Burial will follow in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier, IN.

A visitation will be held on Friday December 17, 2010 from 2-8 p.m. at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, IN 46767. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Edgell Scholarship Fund, 1599 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, IN 46767 or Ligonier City Gift Fund, 103 W Third Street, Ligonier, IN 46767.

The Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.yeagerfuneralhome.com](http://www.yeagerfuneralhome.com)



## Mildred Harriet Gard, 97

Mildred Harriet Gard, 97, of North Webster died unexpectedly at 10:42 p.m. Monday, December 6, 2010, in Bradenton, Fla., following a brief illness.

Mrs. Gard had been a lifetime area resident. She was a dedicated homemaker and had worked on the family farm. She was a member of the Cromwell United Methodist Church and Gideon International Auxiliary.

Mrs. Gard was born December 29, 1912, in Wawaka, Ind., to Frank and Veda Fay (Lindsay) Franks. She married Delbert D. Gard in Wawaka on June 15, 1935. He preceded her in death in April 1979.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Fay and Arthur Iden of North Webster, IN; a daughter-in-law, Nancy (Amerosa) Gard, Sadieville, KY; five grandchildren, Jeff Iden of North Webster, Kathy and Larry Wilder of Indianapolis, Brenda Parr of Indianapolis, Susan Mangold of Bowling Green, KY, and Steve Gard of Sadieville, KY; six great-grandchildren, Josh and Rachel Iden of Indianapolis, Krystal Wilder, Kari Wilder, Samantha Mangold, Stephanie Mangold and Sydney Mangold; and three siblings, William T. (Tom) Franks of Wawaka, Mary Berkes of New Bremen, Ohio, and Ann and Don Connors of South Bend.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Jimmie Gard; and three sisters, Thora Cotner, Coy Keefer and Jane Clark.

Funeral services were Tuesday, December 14, 2010, at Cromwell United Methodist Church in Cromwell, IN. Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier, IN. Rev. Chris Dare officiated.

Memorials are to Gideons International, P.O. Box 140800, Nashville, TN 37214 or Cromwell United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 337, Cromwell, IN 46732.



## **Thomas Jay Taite, 48**

Thomas Jay Taite, age 48, formerly of Kendallville, died Friday, December 10, 2010 at his home in Anderson.

Mr. Taite was born on Sunday, November 18, 1962 in Kendallville to Robert Paul and JoAnn (Poyser) Taite. He attended East Noble High School and proudly served in the United States Marine Corp stationed at Camp Pendleton from 1980-1983.

Tom loved the outdoors, particularly hunting and fishing, and was an avid NASCAR and Indianapolis Colts fan.

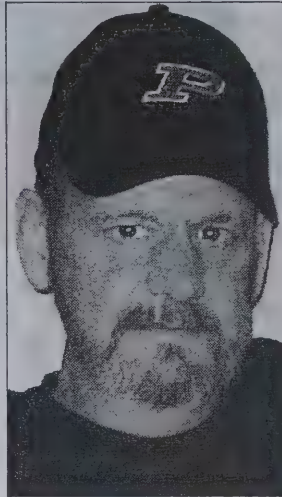
He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Stephanie Marie and John Fleckenstein, granddaughter Madalyn Lee and grandson Carter Jay of Lake of the Woods. His mother, who resides in Kendallville. Two brothers, Robert John of Lake Forest, Illinois and Michael James of Muncie.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Funeral services were Tuesday, December 14, 2010, at Hite Funeral Home with Rev. Leon Pomeroy officiating the service.

Burial will take place later at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Send a condolence to the Taite family online at [www.hite-funeralhome.com](http://www.hite-funeralhome.com)



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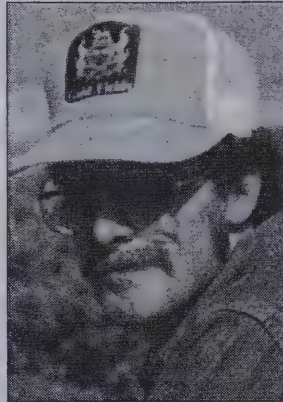
**Bob McClanahan, 52**

Bob McClanahan,  
passed away on Dec 1,  
long battle with brain



age 52, of Olathe,  
2010, after losing a year  
cancer.

Bob was born to Art and Marilyn McClanahan of Kendallville, IN on March 5, 1958. Bob spent his childhood in Albion, IN and attended Central Noble High School. Because of his love for Colorado, Bob enlisted in the United States Army and was stationed at Fort Carson. After leaving the army, he made his permanent residence in Colorado. Bob married Lisa Linn of Ligonier in 1984. Bob and Lisa just celebrated their 26th wedding anniversary on Nov. 24, 2010.



Bob had a variety of skills. He was a hunting guide, carpenter, and a surveyor of mining claims. Bob's favorite hobbies were farming, ranching, snowmobiling, and hunting. He especially enjoyed spending time with his two granddaughters, who were very close to him in his last few days.

Bob is survived by his wife, Lisa; daughter, Kari McClanahan; son, Cody McClanahan; two granddaughters, Kaylyn and Paige; brothers include Doug McClanahan of Ligonier, In; Richard (Susan) McClanahan of Millersburg, In; sister, Susan (Doug) Myers of Lagrange, In. He was preceded in death by his mother Marilyn and sister Elizabeth.

Memorial contributions can be made to Hospice and Palliative Care of Western Colorado.

Funeral services took place on Saturday December 11, 2010 at Grace Baptist Church.



## **Alden Fausnaugh, 75**

Alden "Doc" Fausnaugh, age 75, of Ligonier, IN passed away on Tuesday, December 7, 2010 at 9:41 AM at Lutheran Hospital in Fort



Wayne.

Doc was born on March 6, 1935 to Arthur C "Fuzz" & Mildred J. "Pete" (Moore) Fausnaugh in Sparta Township. On October 11, 1958 he married Nancy S. Miller in Kimmell, IN.

He was a lifetime area resident and served his country honorably in the Indiana National Guard for 31 years. He had owned & operated Doc's Hardware in Cromwell as well as Tri-County Servicesoft. He also had worked for Kreager Brothers for 12 years & the Armory for 5 years before retiring.

During retirement he enjoyed working part time for Bob Wysong's car dealership in Cromwell.

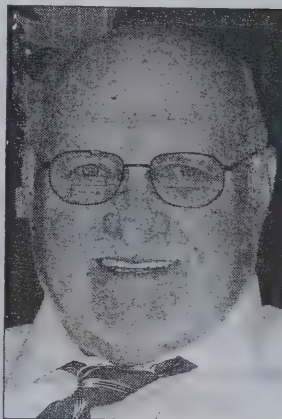
Doc attended the Cosperville Baptist Church. He was a member of Cromwell Masonic Lodge and also the Cromwell-Kimmell Lions Club. Doc was an avid and dedicated fan of Purdue University.

Surviving are his wife, Nancy Fausnaugh of Ligonier; two sons, Thomas W. Fausnaugh of Auburn, IN, Bart Fausnaugh of Atlanta, GA; and four grandchildren; Dustin, Josh, Heather, and Ryan; five step-grandchildren and 12 step-great-grandchildren, two sisters: Nancy (John) Hoss of the Village, FL and Gale Givens of Fort Wayne, IN. He was preceded in death by his parents.

A funeral service was held in his honor on Saturday December 11, 2010 at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, IN 46767 with Pastor Jim Barnes and Celebrant Larry Baker officiating. Burial was in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell, IN.

Memorial contributions are to the Cosperville Baptist Church Building Fund, The American Heart Association, 208 S. LaSalle St., Suite 900, Chicago, IL 60604 or the John Purdue Club, 850 Beering Dr., West Lafayette, IN 47907.

The Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.yeagerfuneralhome.com](http://www.yeagerfuneralhome.com).



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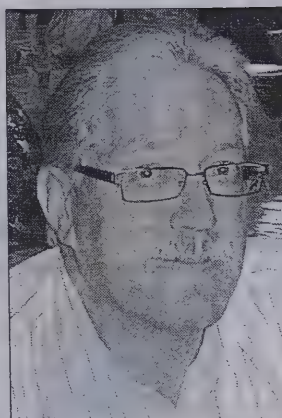
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### **Robert D. Hohn, 52**

Robert D.  
Hohn, 52, a former resident of



Kaiserslautern, Germany and more recently of rural Churubusco in Noble County, passed away at 7:05 p.m. on Tuesday, December 7, 2010, at Parkview Hospital



in Fort Wayne, where he had been a patient for the past two weeks.

Mr. Hohn was born in Helena, Montana on June 5, 1958, a son of Vincient J. and Inez R. (Larson) Hohn. He spent his formative years near Townsend, Montana and graduated from Broadwater County High School in 1976. Upon completing his education, he entered the U. S. Army, and served for 11 years.

Throughout his adult life he lived and worked as a computer technician, and last worked as the international operations manager for International Outsource in Germany. He had moved to Churubusco recently to be near his daughter.

A proud veteran, he was a member of the American Legion, Veteran's of Foreign Wars, and the 40 & 8.

On June 14, 1976 he was married to Maria Colella. She survives.

Also surviving are his children Christina (Andrew) Geiger of Churubusco and Daniel R. Hohn of Worms, Germany; his mother Inez R. Hohn of Townsend, MT; his siblings, James V. Hohn of East Helena, MT, Sheila (LaVerne) Heavirland of East Helena, MT., Thomas K. Hohn of Columbus, MT, Beverly A. Hohn of Vancouver, WA, Mark J. (Penny) Hohn of Kent, WA, David L. (Dee) Hohn of Tuttle, OK, and Brian D. (Claudette) Hohn of Townsend, MT; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Funeral services were held Saturday, December 11, 2010, at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Pastor Jim Martin of Columbia City First Church of God, officiating.

Burial with military graveside rites was in the Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in any way to honor our veterans.

To leave an online condolence for the family in Mr. Hohn's memory, log on to [www.sheetsandchilds.net](http://www.sheetsandchilds.net).

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### **Joan Browning**

TUCSON, Ariz. — Joan Frick Browning, 86, died Friday, Dec. 10, 2010, in Tucson.

Mrs. Browning was a graduate of Wawaka High School in Wawaka, Ind.

She had been a professor of speech at Western Oregon University. Following her retirement, she moved to Green Valley, near Tucson, in 1977.

Mrs. Browning spent her retirement years doing a great deal of volunteer work for her community.

She was the daughter of Harry and Mary Blanche (Blosser) Frick of Wawaka, Ind. She married Robert Browning and he died in 1999.

Surviving are her children, Rob (Amelia) Browning, Jim (Joan) Browning and Nancy (Bruce Beckwith) Browning; her brothers and sisters, Rosemary (Bill) Ramsey of McMinnville, Ore., Ed Frick of Naples, Fla., Merrill (Louise) Frick of Wawaka, Ind., and Nancy Battaglia of New York City, N.Y.; many grandchildren and many great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Deborah Dealy Browning.

As per her request, there will be no services.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the funeral home with Pastor Ray Miller officiating. Burial will be in Elkhart Prairie Cemetery, Goshen.

### **John Roop**

FREMONT — John R. Roop, 93, of Zephyrhills, Fla. and formerly of the Fremont area died Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2010, in Zephyrhills.

Mr. Roop was a salesman for White Plains Gas Co. and had also worked at Acorn Products in Quincy, Mich.

He was a graduate of Fremont High School and served in the U.S. Army during WWII.

Mr. Roop was born Oct. 8, 1917, in DeKalb County, Ind., to Jay and Clara Roop. On Dec. 4, 1946, he married Ellen Blue and she preceded him in death in 2001.

He is survived by a daughter, Mary Ellen (James) Fries, of Marquette, Mich.; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren, and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a sister and a brother.

Cremation has taken place.

Burial was in Lakeview Cemetery, Quincy, Mich.

George White Funeral Home in Quincy is in charge of arrangements.

### **Franklin Hockenbarger**

KENDALLVILLE — Franklin Hockenbarger, 90, of Kendallville died Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2010, at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla, where he had resided for two months.

Services are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel.

### **Harley Schmucker**

GOSHEN — Harley D. Schmucker, 89, of Goshen died Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2010, at Goshen General Hospital, Goshen.

Visitation will be from 12:30-2 p.m. Friday at

### **Doris Dunkel**

LAGRANGE — Doris G. Dunkel, 84, of LaGrange died Tuesday, December 14, 2010, at the home of her daughter in Carmel.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange.

A private family service will be held at a later date.

Memorials are to American Diabetes Association or Alzheimer's Association.



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**Doris Dunkel**

LAGRANGE — Doris G. Dunkel, 84, of LaGrange died Tuesday, December 14, 2010, at the home of her daughter in Carmel, Ind.

Living most of her lifetime in LaGrange County, she moved to the area in 1948 from Lewiston, Maine.

Mrs. Dunkel was a homemaker and retired clerk from the former Hooks Drug Store in LaGrange. She had also worked at Miller's Super-Valu, Foltz Bakery, Life Care Center of LaGrange, and at the kitchen at Lakeland High School, all in LaGrange. She accepted Jesus as her personal Lord and Savior at St. Joseph Catholic Church in LaGrange, Ind.

She helped to start the LaGrange County ARC and was a member of Diabetes Awareness Group in LaGrange.

Mrs. Dunkel was born on February 16, 1926, in Lewiston, Maine, to Alfred and Marie (Grenier) Collins.

On October 26, 1948, in Lewiston, Maine, she married Mahlon D. Dunkel. Mr. Dunkel survives of LaGrange, Ind.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Diane and Lawrence Moran of Carmel, Ind.; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Dennis and Bea Dunkel of Greenville, Texas, and James and Shirley Dunkel and John L. Dunkel all of LaGrange, Ind.; three grandchildren; and three sisters, Alice Levesque, Theresa Giguere and Evelyn LeRiche all of Lewiston, Maine.



**Mrs. Dunkel**

**Elizabeth Haislip**

AUBURN — Elizabeth Haislip, 90, of Auburn and formerly of Waterloo, died Thursday, Dec. 16, 2010, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Arrangements are pending at Feller & Clark Funeral Home in Waterloo.

A full obituary will appear in the Saturday edition.

Preceding her in death were her parents, three sisters and two brothers.

A visitation will be held on Tuesday, December 21, 2010, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange.

A private family funeral service will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be made to American Diabetes Association or Alzheimer's Association.

Condolences may be left for the family at [www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com](http://www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com).

**Franklin Hockenbarger**

KENDALLVILLE — Franklin Hockenbarger, 90, of Kendallville died Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2010, in Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla, where he had resided for two months.

Mr. Hockenbarger was a lifetime area resident.

He retired in 1983 after 27 years with the Indiana & Michigan Electric Co.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served in World War II. He was a member of VFW Post 2749 and American Legion Post 381.

He was born Sept. 17, 1920, in Kendallville to Joseph and Elsie (Owen) Hockenbarger. On Oct. 6, 1951, in Kendallville he married Betty Niswander. She survives in Avilla.

Also surviving are a sister, Leona Patterson of Avilla, and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Agnes Hornett and Iva H. Diehl, and a brother, John Hockenbarger.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Orange Cemetery, Rome City, with the Chaplain of VFW Post 2749 officiating. Military graveside services will be provided by VFW Post 2749, American Legion Post 381, and active duty members of the U.S. Army.

There will be no calling.

Funeral arrangements are by Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel.



**Hockenbarger**

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### Donald Hoover

SPENCERVILLE — Donald L. Hoover, 73, died peacefully surrounded by all his family on Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2010, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne, Ind.



He was born on August 5, 1937, in Allen County to the late George and Garnett (Boger) Hoover. He married Anna Marie Schlosser on June 11, 1955, in Hicksville, Ohio, with whom he celebrated 55 ½ years of marriage.

Surviving are his wife, Anna Marie Hoover of Spencerville, Ind.; his sons, Dennis (Susan) Hoover of Spencerville, Ind., Ronald (Becky) Hoover of Spencerville, Ind., and Jeff (Cheryl) Hoover of Spencerville, Ind.; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Wayne and Paul Hoover, and a sister, Lois Garman Murphy.

He worked at Allen Dairy and was a truck driver for Commercial Lovelace, started H & H Auction Service in 1980 and was a member of the retired Teamsters Local 114.

He enjoyed Purdue Basketball and spending time with his children and grandchildren.

Calling will be held on Monday from 2-8 p.m. at the Spencerville Community Club, 5629 C.R. 68 in Spencerville.

**Mr. Hoover**

### Vance Madeney

GARRETT — Vance Edward Madeney, 39, of Garrett died unexpectedly and was later discovered on Saturday, Dec. 11, 2010, at his residence in Garrett, Ind.

He employed with Nishikawa Standard in Topeka.

Mr. Maldeney was born in Fort Wayne Sept. 10, 1971, to Thomas Anthony Maldeney and Brenda (Louthan) Bahls.

Surviving are a daughter, Hanna Afarin of Kendallville; his father, Thomas Maldeney of Fort Wayne; his mother, Brenda Bahls of Fort Wayne; and a sister, Tonette Maldeney.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Restoration Lutheran Church, at the corner of Mitchell and Riley streets in Kendallville, with the Rev. Robert Muller officiating.

Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Send a condolence to the family at [www.hitefuneralhome.com](http://www.hitefuneralhome.com).

Services will be held on Tuesday at 11 a.m., with calling one hour prior, at the Community Club. Burial will be in Scipio Cemetery at Harlan, Ind.

Memorials are to the Riverdale Community Playground Project in care of Riverdale Elementary School, 6127 S.R. 1, St. Joe, IN 46785.

Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville, Ind., is in charge of arrangements.

### Joyce Cripe

MIDDLEBURY — Joyce M. Cripe, 65, of Middlebury died Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2010, at Goshen General Hospital, after a two year battle with ALS.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. today and Saturday, Dec. 18, from 10-11 a.m. prior to the funeral service at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, 1003 S. Main St., Middlebury. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery, Middlebury.

Memorials are to the ALS Association or Goshen General Hospice and Care At Home.

Online condolences may be sent at [millerstewartfuneralhome.com](http://millerstewartfuneralhome.com).



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**Dortha Bryant**

**SOUTH MILFORD —** Dortha Jane Bryant, age 90, formerly of South Milford died on Thursday, December 16, 2010, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla where she resided the past six years.

Mrs. Bryant was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana, on May 4, 1920, to the late August Carl and Margaret Ann (Grimm) Fremion.

She graduated from Elmhurst High School in 1939 and married Harold Martin Bryant on February 17, 1945, in Wichita Falls, Texas. Mr. Bryant preceded her in death on June 22, 1992.

Dortha was a homemaker and she also worked at the little restaurant in J.O. Mory building in South Milford as a cook and waitress.

In earlier years, Dortha worked at General Electric in Fort Wayne and she was also a switchboard operator at the phone company in Waynedale.

She was a member of the South Milford United Methodist Church and was involved in many activities within the church.

Dortha loved to be outside at their farm home tending to her garden and flowers. She also enjoyed baking.

Survivors include two daughters, Colleen Gamble of South Milford and Vicky Bennigan of Kimmell, Indiana; three grandchildren, Sherry Gamble of Huntertown, Christie Gamble of Kendallville and Suzanne Gamble of Fort Wayne; and two

step-grandchildren, Teresa Bennigan of Hobe Sound, Florida, and Lori Bennigan of Fort Wayne.

**Michael Lige**

**ELKHART —** Michael Warren Lige, 52, died on December 8, 2010, at the Residential Inn of Elkhart, Indiana, of natural causes.

He was born on November 21, 1958, in Auburn, Indiana, to the late Warren and Connie (Feagler) Lige.

Mike graduated from DeKalb High School in 1978.

Surviving are his sister, Lorna Jane (Lige) Schlosser of Auburn and his niece and nephew, Lynne and Brice Schlosser. Also surviving are his uncles and aunts, Harvey and Ruth

She was also preceded in death by her sister, Marge Ulrich, and two infant brothers, Charles John and Joseph Fremion.

Visitation will be Sunday, December 19, 2010, from 1-5 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St. in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Monday, December 20, 2010 at 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Officiating the funeral service will be the Rev. Barbara Cross.

Burial will be next to her husband at South Milford Cemetery following the funeral.

Preferred memorials may be made to activities fund at Provena Sacred Heart Home or South Milford United Methodist Church.

Send a condolence to the family or view a video tribute of Dortha by Sunday at

[www.hitefuneralhome.com](http://www.hitefuneralhome.com)

(Lige) Breeding of Miami, Florida, and Steve and Lyn Feagler of Albuquerque, New Mexico.

A thank you goes to Jason and Rachel Campbell of the Residential Inn for their compassion towards Michael and his love for his dog. A thank you goes to Deputy Coroner Rich Egnor for his care of Mike and concern for the family. A special thank you goes to Deacon Jim Shaffer and Deacon Roger Peachey, and other members of the Beulah Missionary Church for the compassion and friendship that helped Mike turn his life over to Jesus Christ.

Elkhart Cremation Services, 2100 W. Franklin St., has assisted the family with arrangements. Following cremation, a memorial service for Michael will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, December 20, 2010 at the Beulah Missionary Church, 57595 Old County Road 17, Goshen, Indiana. Pastor Brent Poe will officiate. Michael's remains will be buried next to his mother in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn, Indiana at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Beulah Missionary Church or to the Elkhart Humane Society.



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### **Darrel Parker**

GOSHEN — Darrel L. Parker, 58, died at 12:30 a.m. Friday, December 17, 2010, at Elkhart General Hospital where he was admitted late Wednesday evening. He had been in failing health.



**Mr. Parker**

He was born July 1, 1952, in Oregon. His parents are Rev. James W. and Venita N. (Donat) Parker. He was married to Joyce Stark for 18 years.

Surviving are his mother, Venita Parker of Goshen; his former wife, Joyce Stark of Goshen; a daughter, Tracy (Joey) Patton of Wawaka; two granddaughters, Courtney and Trinity; a sister, Debra (David) Carter of Howe; and two nephews, Sheldon L. Wortinger of Middlebury and Jason Wortinger of White Pigeon, Mich.

He was preceded by his father in 2005 and brother, R. W. "Ricky" Parker, in 2000.

Darrel had worked as a security guard for many years before becoming disabled.

A graduate of West Noble High School in 1970, he continued his education at IUSB receiving a degree in accounting.

He was a member of Faith United Methodist Church and loved to watch sports on television especially wrestling and football. He thoroughly enjoyed window shopping.

### **Christine Kirleis**

HUDSON — Christine L. Kirleis, 59, of Hudson died Friday, Dec. 17, 2010, at her home.

There will be no services or calling.

Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

### **Frank Kopecky**

FORT WAYNE — Frank D. Kopecky, 82, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2010, in Lutheran Hospital.

Funeral services will be at noon Saturday at Salem United Church of Christ, 2401 Lake Ave.

Calling will be from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday at the church.

Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Memorials are to the church.

Visitation will be 2-4 p.m. Sunday at Yoder-Culp Funeral Home, 1911 S. Main St., Goshen, where funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday. Pastor Craig Garber will officiate. Burial will be at Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Diabetes Association.

### **Edward Busche**

SPENCERVILLE — Edward Busche, 70, of Spencerville passed away Thursday, December 16, 2010, at his home.

Born in Allen County, Ed served in the U.S. Marine Corps.

He was a truck driver, retiring in 1971.

He was a member of American Legion Post 409, and the Concord Lodge No. 556 F. & A.M.

Ed was an avid Cubs and IU fan.

Surviving are his son, Edward (Tonya) Busche; his daughters, Laura (Kerry) Roberts and Jodi (Curtis) Butler, all of Leo; his brothers, James Busche of Fort Wayne, and Michael Busche of Spencerville; his sisters, Delores Wolf of Fort Wayne and Kay Diehl of Mississippi; friend, Frances A. Smith of Colorado; 12 grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

Edward was preceded in death by his parents, Freeman Sr. and Ethel Busche; and his brothers, Freeman Jr., Ronald and William Busche.

Funeral services are at 10 a.m. Tuesday, December 21, 2010, at D. O. McComb and Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, with Chaplin Robert Mortenson officiating. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. on Monday with a Masonic service at 7:45 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the American Legion Post 409.

To sign the online guest book, go to [www.mccombandsons.com](http://www.mccombandsons.com).



**Mr. Busche**

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**Elizabeth Haislip**

**WATERLOO —** Elizabeth Susannah Haislip, 90, residing for over 50 years on Piety Hill in Waterloo, died Thursday, Dec. 16, 2010, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Haislip was a graduate of the St. Joseph School of Nursing. She then worked as an occupational nurse for the Dana Corp. in Auburn for over 25 years.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Auburn. She was also a member of the Progressive Literary Club, Duxford 78th Fighter Group Association, and the Auburn Nurses Club.

She was born Dec. 10, 1920, in Auburn to John Clinton and Edna Mae (Fry) Brown. They both preceded her in death.

She married Walter Milton "Slip" Haislip on Oct. 20, 1942, in Mishawaka. He passed away March 11, 1998.

Surviving are a son, Walter Milton "Skip" Haislip II and his wife Becky of Richardson, Texas; a daughter, Ginger Ready and her husband David of South Bend; six grandchildren, Julie Yim and her husband John of Chicago, Ill., Adam Kowalski M.D. of Denver, Colo., Taylor, Brooke, and Zoe Haislip of Richardson, Texas, and Lynnette of York, Pa.; a great-granddaughter, Rachel Ann Yim; and a sister-in-law, Betty Brown of Cincinnati.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Max Stanley "Tank" Brown; and a sister and brother-in-law, Martha and Joe Hunter.

**Leroy Altimus**

**WAWAKA —** Leroy Altimus, 81, died Thursday at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Funeral services will be Tuesday, at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home with Rev. Omer Nisley officiating.

Visitation will be 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Monday Dec. 20, 2010 at Hite Funeral Home, 403 South Main Street in Kendallville. Burial will be at Orange Cemetery close to Rome City.

Preferred memorials may be made to Orange Township Helping Hands.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Ted Jansen officiating. Burial will take place in Roselawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will be from 2-5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home in Waterloo.

Memorials may be directed to the First United Methodist Church in Auburn or Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

To View an online obituary or to send condolences, visit [www.fellerandclark.com](http://www.fellerandclark.com).

**David McFarlin Sr.**

**KENDALLVILLE —** David McFarlin Sr., 92, of Kendallville died Friday, December 17, 2010, at 5:30 a.m. in Kendallville Manor HealthCare Center where he had resided for two years.

Mr. McFarlin was a farmer and had worked at Newnam Foundry in Kendallville for over 20 years.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served during World War II.

He was born May 20, 1918, in Ashland, Kentucky, to John C. and Sarah McFarlin. On August 9, 1941, in Kendallville he married Hilda Mae Smith. She preceded him in death on July 8, 1966. In 1971, he married Ora Spitler in South Milford. She preceded him in death in 2001.

Surviving are a daughter, Esther Hollar of Kendallville; a stepson, Bruce (Dixie) Spitler of Hudson; two granddaughters, Michelle Rendon of Lafayette and Shawn Dunafin of LaGrange; a grandson, Michael McFarlin of Glasgow, Kentucky; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a son-in-law, Raymond Hollar; a granddaughter, Dawn Hollar; a son, David McFarlin Jr.; four brothers; and seven sisters.

Graveside services will be held Tuesday, December 21, 2010, at noon in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville. Military graveside services will be provided by active duty members of the U.S. Army.

Arrangements are by Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com).

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**Thayma Bowman**

AUBURN — Thayma "Pat" Bowman, 93, of Auburn, passed away Thursday, Dec. 16, 2010, at 4:45 a.m., at Betz Nursing Home.



**Mrs. Bowman**

Born July 13, 1917, she was the daughter of the late Francis and Mary J. (Urbine) Gremaut. She married Ralph A. Bowman on Aug. 31, 1935. He preceded her in death in 1976.

She was a waitress/cook at the Keltsch Pharmacy Snack Bar, retiring in 1997.

She was an avid bingo player.

Surviving are her daughters, Sandra (John Scott) Brown of Auburn and Rochelle (Nelson) Baney; 12 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her daughter, Shirley Topp; five brothers; and two sisters.

Funeral service is at 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 20, 2010, at C.M. Sloan & Sons, 1327 Wells St., with calling one hour prior. Calling also from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 19, 2010, at the funeral home. Burial in Highland Park Cemetery. Memorials to Allen County SPCA.

Send online condolences to [www.sloanandsonsfuneralhome.com](http://www.sloanandsonsfuneralhome.com).

**Cassandra Hippenhammer**

KENDALLVILLE — Cassandra Hippenhammer, 58, of Kendallville, died Friday, Dec. 17, 2010 in the emergency room at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Arrangements are pending.

**William Middleton**

MIDDLEBURY — William T. Middleton, 72, of Middlebury, died at 12:25 pm on Friday, Dec. 17, 2010 at his residence.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 20, at Woodlawn Cemetery. Memorials may be given to Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, of Middlebury, to assist the family with expenses.



# Houser called a hero by his family

BY JENNIFER DECKER

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PLEASANT LAKE — Maurice “Maury” Houser was a fixer, an inventor, a soldier and a keen judge of character when it came to hiring employees.

He was a longtime employee of Dana Corp. He served in the Korean War and was always known for being readily available to lend a helping hand wherever it was needed.

Maury, as he was affectionately known, 78, died Nov. 26 at Laurels of DeKalb. He was named Maurice in honor of one of his father’s World War I Army buddies. Maury was born on a farm four miles east of Auburn in DeKalb County on April 13, 1932 to Albert A. & Haidee (Krontz) Houser.

During high school, Maury played baseball on the St. Joe High School team. It was in high school that he met and began dating his future bride, Amy Wagner, whom he married 10 months later Feb. 3, 1951. After Maury graduated from high school, he went to work at Dana Corp.’s Clutch Division in Auburn in 1950 and retired Feb. 1, 1987. Maury had a variety of jobs there, starting in heat treat as a laborer. Later he was promoted to a supervisor and eventually, he set up three other manufacturing plants for Dana — one in Mexico City, one in Colorado Springs, Colo., and a re-manufacturing plant in Charlotte, N.C.

One of his sons, Danny Houser, recalled his father was a fair man who was also very wise. One time, Danny was unemployed and he asked his father for a job at Dana. His father refused to hire him and said Danny had to earn his way on his own merit.

Maury also had a knack for hiring employees who were the right fit for Dana Corporation. “When it came to hiring new employees, my dad was a good judge of character,” Danny said. “He could interview people right off the street and know before they left the interview whether they were a good fit for Dana Corporation or not.”

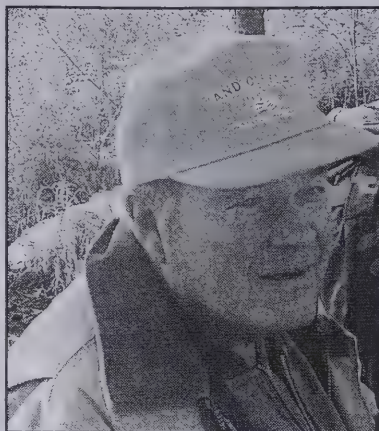


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## Maurice “Maury” Houser

Amy said her husband liked to tinker and repair items: “He was very honest. He traveled a lot as a troubleshooter with clutches and was true to his word.”

Maury was a U.S. Army veteran who served 17 months and 28 days in the Korean War in some of the worst battles, said another of his sons, Doyle Houser, including Outpost Harry and Suicide Ridge. Outpost Harry was a Korean War station where more than 88,000 rounds of Chinese artillery fell and Doyle recalled his father saying he was afraid there. For being stationed on top there was akin to a death sentence, Doyle said. But Mr. Houser survived and was in the Company E 15th Infantry Regiment.

Amy worked as a Fort Wayne secretary while her husband served in the war. She noted his combat ribbons he received included: A Korean service ribbon with one Bronze Campaign Star; a Combat Infantry Badge; a National Defense Service Medal; and the United Nations Service Medal. “It was very scary. During the war, they were on the front lines. You looked for a letter every day,” Amy said. “Most of the time, they had food, but nothing else.”

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Sarah Houser, his granddaughter, said Maury was the toughest man she ever knew. "He survived a war so bad it hurts me to hear about what he went through," she said. "He was a very brave man. In my eyes, nothing could ever happen to him, because he was my grandpa and I needed him ... He could survive millions of people shooting at him in a foreign country, but he couldn't survive (illness). He was and still is my hero."

"You grow up watching 'Gunsmoke,' 'Combat', shows like that and actors like Clint Eastwood and John Wayne and you always think you want to grow up and be those guys ... But I was lucky to live with a man that was like that for almost 53 years and I was able to call him dad," Doyle said. "I never knew he was afraid of anything because he was Superman. I could never love him more than I do or have any more respect for him than I have always held, but when he told me he was afraid on Harry that night, I had an ever deeper appreciation for him."

Maury was a member of Hudson United Brethren Church for more than 20 years who enjoyed reading the Bible. Maury's son, Phil, said his father was known for creating unforgettable memories and life lessons: "It is little wonder to me the most significant verse of the Old Testament is 'Do not be afraid or in fear because of them for the Lord your God goes with you. He will never leave you nor forsake you,'" Phil said. "I experienced that in the way dad and mom were there for me by word and deed not only while we were growing up, but as adults."

Maury was very good at everything he did, whether it was welding, woodworking, hunting or fishing and giving his catch away, family members said. For several years after he retired, he and his brothers made maple syrup every spring. Karolyn Gutierrez, Maury's daughter, recalled fishing with her dad. "My dad could catch fish when nobody else did. He would swap out poles with us when we were not catching any. He always caught fish. It was crazy," she said. "It did not matter the bait or the pole. It would be safe to say fish feared my dad."

He survived by his wife, Amy Houser, three sons: Danny (Chris) Houser of Albany, Ore., Phil (Cindy) Houser of Middlebury and Doyle Houser of Pleasant Lake; one daughter Karolyn (Anthony) Gutierrez of Buda, Texas; two brothers Larry (Shirley) Houser and Harold Houser, two sisters Janet (Harland) Smith and Mary Morrison, and 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by a brother, Linford, and a sister, Lorna DeLong.

Maury was buried in Carter Cemetery with military honors.

### **Cassandra Hippenhammer**

KENDALLVILLE — Cassandra Hippenhammer, 58, of Kendallville, died Friday, Dec. 17, 2010, in the emergency room at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 South State Street, Kendallville.

### **Shelba Shuff**

GARRETT — Shelba J. Shuff, 72, of Garrett, died Saturday, Dec. 18, 2010, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Arrangements are pending at Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Auburn.

### **Lewis Hufnagle**

FREMONT — Lewis L. Hufnagle, 67, of Fremont, died Friday, Dec. 17, 2010 at 6:14 p.m. at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont. Burial will be in Fremont Cemetery.

Calling will be Monday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

A complete obituary will appear in Monday's edition of the newspaper.



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### **Betty Van Zant**

KENDALLVILLE — Betty I. Van Zant of Kendallville died Friday, Dec. 17, 2010.

She was the daughter of Oliver and Cora Durr of Bluffton and was known as the butterfly lady.

She retired from Fort Wayne Community Schools. She was a

life member of Kendallville V.F.W. and a member of Post 381 American Legion in Rome City.



**Mrs. Van Zant**

Preceding her in death was her husband, Howard "Van" Van Zant, along with two sisters and seven brothers.

Surviving are sons, Jan Van Zant and Tim (Jennifer) Van Zant; four grandchildren, Ryan, Brad, Eric and Leah Van Zant; four great-grandchildren, Jaxon, Valerie, Callaghan and Lilly Van Zant; and her best friend Rich Thompson.

The funeral service is Tuesday at 2 p.m. at D.O. McComb and Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road, Fort Wayne, with calling one hour prior, with the Rev. Chris Danielson officiating. Calling also will be from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

To sign the online guest book, go to [www.mccombandsons.com](http://www.mccombandsons.com).

### **Willem Schummer II**

ANGOLA — Willem "Pooh" Jan Schummer II, 20, of Angola, died Friday, Dec. 17, 2010, at Lutheran Hospital with his family at his side.

He was a 2008 graduate of Angola

High School and attended LaGrange Methodist Church. He

currently was working at Applebee's. He had previously worked at Miller Poultry, Northern Lake Nursing Home and Webbers.

His laughter was contagious, his smile was warm, we love you so much, you will be missed dearly.

He is survived by his parents, Willem and Betty Schummer of Angola; sisters, Christina Schummer (Travis Kinsinger) of Angola, Angel (Zach) Schummer-Isbel of Jacksonville, Fla., Shana (Richard) Berry of Raleigh, N.C.; grandparents, Walter and Adriana Schummer of Pensacola, Fla., and Lester and Ida Beachy of LaGrange; and several uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews and cousins.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Arrangements are by Covington Memorial Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, [www.covingtonmemorial.com](http://www.covingtonmemorial.com).



**Mr. Schummer**

### **Roger Powers**

CORUNNA — Roger M. Powers, 67, of Corunna, died at 5:15 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 16, 2010, at his home.

He was born May 26, 1943 in Estill, Ky., to Russell and Inabell (Paige) Powers. He married Thelma Jean Charles on Aug. 5, 1964, in Nowalk, Ohio.

Surviving are his wife, Thelma, a daughter Julie (Jeremy) Stevens of Avilla, three sons, Timothy Powers of Kendallville, Thomas Powers and Todd Powers, both of



**Mr. Powers**

Corunna, and three grandchildren. Also surviving are three brothers, Larry Powers of Kentucky, Palmer Powers of Kendallville and Billy Ray (Nadine) Powers of Mongo; and one sister, Linda (Robert) Paige of Waterloo.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and three sisters.

Roger was formerly employed by Wieble's Lumber Co. in South Milford, Indiana and also Newnam's Foundry in Kendallville. He enjoyed fishing and coin collecting.

There will be a Celebration of Life service held at Bethel Christian Church in Kendallville on the corner of S.R. 6 and S.R. 9 at 5 p.m. today. Pastor Shawn Shepard will preside.

Memorial may be given to the charity of the donor's choice.

Elkhart Cremation Services has been entrusted with arrangements.



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## Jennie Krafft

AUBURN — Jennie E. Krafft, 78, died Saturday, Dec. 18, 2010, at her home in rural Auburn.

She was a former employee of the Auburn State Bank and Cooper Standard of Auburn. She also was co-owner and secretary of Krafft Gravel in Spencerville.

She was a graduate of Auburn High School, class of 1950.

She was a member of the County Line Church of God. She was also a 25-year member of the Order of the Eastern Star in Spencerville and a charter member of the DeKalb County Chatter Bell Home Economics Club.

Jennie's true passion was her family, especially her grandchildren. She loved attending her grandchildren's various activities up until her very last day.

She was born Oct. 13, 1932, in Roanoke, to Jesse and Edith (Wiser) Haiflich.

She married Gerald E. Krafft on June 18, 1950, in Auburn. He survives.

Also surviving are a



**Mrs. Krafft**

daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Jeff Buschman of Auburn; a son and daughter-in-law, Bob and Teri Krafft of Auburn; a daughter-in-law, Bev Krafft of Spencerville; nine grandchildren, Tracy Buschman, Gary Buschman, Michael Krafft, Brandy Krafft, Cody Krafft, Bailey Krafft, Taya Krafft, Jon Krafft and Tianna Krafft; a great-grandson, Evan Buschman; two sisters, Doris Kummer of Fort Wayne and Rosalie Hamilton of Fort Wayne; and a brother and sister-in-law, John and Marybell Haiflich of Auburn.

She was preceded in death by her parents, three sons, Gary Ray Krafft, Steve Krafft and Randy Krafft; a sister, Lucille Swaim; and two brothers, Norman Haiflich and Dallas Haiflich.

Services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with one hour visitation prior to the service. The Rev. Stuart Kruse will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling also will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to Youth for Christ of Northeast Indiana.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit [www.fellerandclark.com](http://www.fellerandclark.com).

## Lyle Case

MIDDLEBURY — Lyle R. Case, 77, of Middlebury, died at 10:37 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 18, 2010, at his residence.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. at the Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, 1003 S. Main St., Middlebury with Pastor Gary Miller and Pastor Mel Shetler officiating. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery, Middlebury.

Calling will be from 2 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the community relief fund of Maple City Chapel, to assist local people in need.

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### **Leroy Altimus**

WAWAKA — Leroy H. “Skipper” Altimus, 81, a lifetime resident of Wawaka, died on Thursday, Dec. 16, 2010, at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Altimus was born in Wawaka on Aug. 30, 1929.

He married June Carolyn Pant on June 7, 1952, in Wawaka and she preceded him in death on March 25, 1993.

Skipper was employed with the Indiana State Highway Department for 25 years. He also farmed for Schermerhorn Farms for many years.

Survivors include four sons and two daughters-in-law, Richard Altimus of Wawaka, William Altimus of Wawaka, Skip and Shirley Altimus of Wawaka and Carroll and Tammy Altimus of Wawaka; 10 grandchildren: David Altimus of Wawaka, Bobby Altimus of Topeka, Melody Altimus of Wawaka, Skippy Altimus of Wolf Lake, Amanda Altimus of Fort Wayne, Dawn and Greg Stewart of Wawaka, Brandy and James Howard of Wawaka, Holly and Aaron Krick of Decatur, Bernie Musser of Wawaka, and Chris and Gary Gayheart of Rome City, 21 great-grandchildren, and his best lady friend for the past 10 years, Mary Ann Rottmiller of Kendallville.

He was preceded in death by parents, son LeRoy Robert Altimus on April 10, 1967, and daughter-in-law

Barbara Altimus on Nov. 2, 2000.

Funeral services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville, with the Rev. Omer Nisley officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Calling will be Monday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Preferred Memorials may be made to Orange Township Helping Hands.

Condolences may be left at  
[www.hitefuneralhome.com](http://www.hitefuneralhome.com).

### **Dewight Hostetler**

FORT WAYNE —

Dewight A. Hostetler, 65, of Fort Wayne, passed away on Sunday, Dec. 12, 2010, at Parkview Hospital.

Born May 12, 1945, he is survived by his son Michael Hostetler of Fremont; daughter Robin (Dan) Hullinger of Fort Wayne; grandson Isaac Hullinger; mother Maybelle Hostetler of Reading, Mich.; sisters Wanda (Jim) Stalder of Galena, Ohio, and Karen (Richard) Heffelfinger of Reading, Mich.; and brother Dennis Hostetler of Angola.

He was preceded in death by his father, Fred Hostetler Jr., and his sister, Kathleen Rumsey.

Funeral services are Monday at noon at Grace Episcopal Church, 10010 Aurora Pl., Fort Wayne, with calling from 10 a.m. to noon on Monday.

Memorials are to Grace Episcopal Church or Christ's Hope Ministries and Church.

Arrangements are by Midwest Funeral Home and Cremation Society, 4602 Newaygo Road, Fort Wayne.

## Lewis Hufnagle

FREMONT — Lewis L. Hufnagle, 67, of Fremont died Friday, Dec. 17, 2010 at 6:14 p.m. at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

He was born March 26, 1943, in Angola to Robert and Alvesta (Dirrim) Hufnagle; they preceded him in death. He married Judy (Hall) on January 2, 1970, in Fremont, and she survives.

He retired after 44 years as a machinist at Tenneco in Angola. He retired as a volunteer fireman after 33 years of service for the Fremont Fire Dept.

Mr. Hufnagle was a 1961 Fremont High School graduate and member of the Fremont Moose Lodge. He enjoyed his family, being a fireman, hunting with his son and grandson, and following and watching their ball games, and enjoyed his neighborhood and sitting in his swing in his yard. He loved his grandchildren.

Survivors are his wife, Judy Hufnagle of Fremont; a daughter, Tina Gayle Hufnagle of Fremont; a son and daughter-in-law, Eric and Lisa Hufnagle of Fremont; grandchildren, Keegan Knotek, Hunter Tinker, Cayden and Mallorie Hufnagle; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Martha and Roscoe Blotter of Fremont and Marsha and Frank Patterson of Fremont; two brothers and one sister-in-law, Jim and Arlene Hufnagle of Fremont and Richard "Butch" Hufnagle of



Mr. Hufnagle

Angola; and two sisters-in-law, Lena Hufnagle of Fremont and Phyllis Hufnagle of Angola.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Max Hufnagle and Robert "Buck" Hufnagle; and three sisters, Bonnie Pentico, Joyce Hufnagle and Janet Beck.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. today, December 20, 2010 at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. on Tuesday, December 21, 2010 at the funeral home, with Eugene Wireman, Jr. officiating. Burial will be at Fremont Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Association.

Condolences may be sent online to [www.beamsfuneralhome.com](http://www.beamsfuneralhome.com)

## Wendel Hicks

ANGOLA — Wendel R. Hicks, 81, passed away Saturday, December 18, 2010 in Angola.

Born in Fort Wayne, Wendel worked as a

supervisor and cable splicer with GTE for 40 years, retiring in 1985. He was a member of St. Nicholas Eastern Orthodox



Mr. Hicks

Church and a U.S. Army veteran.

Surviving are his wife, S. Dianne Hicks of Angola; sons, Tod (Grace) Hicks of Urbana, Ohio, Rod (Deb) Hicks of Angola, and Forrest (Denise) Hicks of Angola; brothers, Frank (Peg) Hicks of Michigan and Duane (Phyllis) Hicks of Leo; grandchildren, Ben, Lucas, Brandon, Brian, Brad, Josh and Logan Hicks, Brittany Irving, Kevin and Valarie Hickey, Jeremy Hollar and Kyle Metcalf; and great-grandchildren, Dylan and Brooklyn.

Wendel was preceded in death by his parents, Marion and Thelma Hicks.

Funeral services are 10 a.m. Tuesday, December 22, 2010 at D.O. McComb and Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 East Dupont Road, Fort Wayne, with Fr. Andrew Jarmus officiating. Calling will be at the funeral home Tuesday, December 21, 2010, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m., with a Trisagion Service at 7:30 p.m. Burial in Greenlawn Memorial Park, Fort Wayne.

Memorials may be made to the St Nicholas Eastern Orthodox Church. To sign the online guest book, go to [www.mccombandsons.com](http://www.mccombandsons.com).



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**Shelba Shuff**

**GARRETT** — Shelba J. Shuff, 72, of Garrett died Saturday, Dec. 18, 2010, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Shuff was a former employee for the Essex Group in Auburn. She then went to work for the Rieke Corporation in Auburn for over 14 years, retiring in 2001.



She was a 1956 graduate of Riverdale High School in St. Joe.

She attended the Indian Village Church of God in Auburn. She was a member of the Women of the Moose Lodge Chapter 261 of Auburn, and the Eagles Lodge of Garrett.

She was born May 16, 1938, in Auburn, to Worthington Ray and Goldie Mae (Kristoferson) Smith. They both preceded her in death.

She married James Shuff on Sept. 24, 1988, in Auburn. He survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are three sons, Mark Zolman of Angola, Brian Zolman of Angola, and James Zolman Jr. of Garrett; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Warren and Martha Smith of Auburn, and Don and Nancy Smith of Auburn; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Lela Allen of Indianapolis, and Mary Ellen and Harold McInturf of Sun City, Az.; six grandchildren, Nicole Wright, Zackery Zolman, Alicia Kope, Jessika Nicole Zolman, Kailie Wood, and Marlie Wood; and six great-

**Lucas Miller**

**LAGRANGE** — Lucas John Miller, infant son of Glen and Carolyn Miller of LaGrange, died Sunday, Dec. 19, 2010 at Parkview LaGrange Hospital, LaGrange.

Private family services will be held.

Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange, is in charge of arrangements.

grandchildren, Selah Bolinger, Lincoln Bolinger, Cailyn Kope, Paityn Kope, Jaiden Kope, and Anthony White.

She was preceded in death by four brothers; Dale Smith, Edgar Smith, Blake Smith and John Delmar Smith; and two sisters, Effie Mahlum and Katherine Decker.

Services will be 11 a.m. Thursday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with Larry Williams officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will be 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the American Cancer Society.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit [www.fellerandclark.com](http://www.fellerandclark.com).

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### **Bonnie Anderson**

**WOLCOTTVILLE** — Bonnie (O'Dell) Anderson went to be with the Lord on December 18, 2010 at 11:30 p.m. at her residence in Wolcottville.

Born in Tampa, Florida on December 11, 1926 to Carl



**Mrs.  
Anderson**

C. and Beatrice M. (Zebert) O'Dell. Bonnie moved to Marion, Ind., at around 2 years of age and lived in Indiana since.

She graduated from Royerton High School in 1944 and married Arthur A. Anderson on March 15, 1946 in Muncie. Bonnie and Art lived in Selma, Ind., until 1971 when they moved to Hacken-burg Lake near Wolcottville.

Bonnie retired in 1989 from Dometic Corp. of LaGrange, after 18 years of service.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Arthur (1993), a son, Arthur (2004), her three brothers, Carl (2000), Everett (2003) and Bernard (2006) O'Dell and a great-grandson Lukis Kern, who died on August 16, 2010 at the age of 2.

Bonnie is survived her daughter, Sharon (Larry) Matthews, of Wolcottville; her son Randy (Anne) Anderson of LaGrange; a daughter-in-law, Tammy Anderson of Parker City, Ind.; six grandchildren Brent (Melinda) Anderson of Wolcottville; Michelle (Richard) Blank of Topeka; Sean (Holly) Anderson of Noblesville; Malinda (Todd) Eckhardt of Fort Wayne; Brandy (Chad) Troyer of Middlebury; and Angie (Brad) Kern of Corunna; 14

great-grandchildren: Alexx, Samantha, Joel, Chris and Seth Anderson, Jordan, Ethan, Lauran, and Hayden Blank, Elijah and Erin Moore, Mitchell and Jameson

Troyer, and Phoenix Biscuso; two step-great-granddaughters, Tori and Scarlet Eckhardt; five step-grandchildren; 14 step-great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews and Joe Shook.

Bonnie enjoyed spending time with her family, bowling, golf, and all of her many crafts. She was a member of the Wolcottville United Methodist Church where she taught Sunday School and always enjoyed Vacation Bible School.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. today, Monday December 20, 2010 at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange. A visitation will also be held at Parson Mortuary in Muncie on Tuesday, December 21, 2010 from 4 to 8 p.m. The funeral service will be on Wednesday, December 22, 2010 at 1 p.m. at Parson Mortuary in Muncie, with the Rev. Jack Thomas from the Wolcottville United Methodist Church officiating.

Burial will be in the Garden of Memories Cemetery, Muncie. Memorial contributions can be sent to the Wolcottville United Methodist Church or Parkview Noble Hospice, LaGrange, or the American Heart Association.

Online condolences may be sent to [carneyfrost@earthlink.net](mailto:carneyfrost@earthlink.net). Arrangements are by Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange.

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**Doris McSorley**

AUBURN — Doris M. McSorley, 90, of Auburn died Sunday, Dec. 19, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

She was born Sept. 1, 1920, in rural Auburn, to the late Fredrick D. and Lanta A. (Dunn) Gafken. She was a 1938 graduate of Waterloo High School. She then graduated from Wayne University of Beauty Culture in 1939.

Mrs. McSorley was a homemaker. She was known as a gentle, loving friend, wife, mother, and grandmother. She loved nothing more than being surrounded by her family at her home, where she brightly spoke, laughed and won card games up until her recent final illness. Her other interests were flower gardening, canning, cooking and reading.

She was a member of the Lakewood Park Baptist Church in Auburn, served 35 years as a Sunday school teacher, several years as a deaconess, and served as part of the launching of the congregation when it was the Bible Baptist Church on 18th Street.

She married Romey C. McSorley on March 12, 1940, in Indianapolis. He passed away Nov. 17, 2010.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Judith E. Brisentine of Auburn, Melanie F. and Dan Hervey of Auburn; and Brenda A. and Alvin Havens of Chesterton; a son, Ronald D. McSorley of Ft. Wayne; five grandchildren, Abigail Thompson of Auburn, Sara Brisentine of Ft. Wayne, Anna Havens of Phillipsburg, N.J., and Nicholas and Charles Havens of Chicago; and four great grandchildren, Callie Jem Brisentine, Tiana Mae Broadnax, Noel Gamboa Havens, and Paxton Gage Blough.

She is also survived by sisters-in-law, June Gafken of Auburn, Margaret Neidert of Colorado Springs, Col., and Carol Baatz of Angola; a brother-in-law, Arthur McSorley of Florida; and several nieces and nephews.

She also was preceded in death by two sisters, Arlene Gafken and Wilma Snyder; and a brother, Dale Gafken.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Monday, Dec. 27, 2010, at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will be from 1-3 p.m. prior to the service at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to Child Evangelism Fellowship of Auburn.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit [www.fellerandclark.com](http://www.fellerandclark.com)



## James Gibson

**WOLCOTTVILLE** — James "Jim" Gibson, 67, of Wolcottville went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, December 19, 2010, at his home surrounded by his loving wife and daughters.



**Mr. Gibson**

Mr. Gibson retired from Reliable Tool & Machine Company in Kendallville, and had also retired as a truck driver.

He was an avid NASCAR fan; who also loved riding his Harley Davidson, camping, cooking, and spending time with his family and friends.

Jim also enjoyed taking his grandchildren, Lainy "Fuzzhead," Sammi Jo, and Connor to preschool.

He was born July 25, 1943, in Hindman, Kentucky, to Sam and Elsie (Moore) Gibson. On January 7, 2000, in LaGrange County, he married Tina (Charles) Gibson. She survives at their residence in Wolcottville.

Also surviving are six daughters and two sons-in-law, Mary and Robert Schlatter of Wolcottville, Tyana Polly of Rome City, Jessica and Seth Leins of Wawaka, Michelle Gibson of Goshen, Amy Gibson of Michigan, and Karen Gibson of Fort Wayne; five sons and a daughter-in-law, Tommy Gibson of Ligonier, Shon Gibson of Rome City, Lonnie Gibson of Wolcottville, Larry and Jen Polly Jr. of Helmer, and Casey Polly of Wolcottville; 28 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; a special

cousin, Jasper Case of Wolcottville; and a sister-in-law, Thelma Meyers of Rome City.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Johnny Jones and Jack "Hoot" Gibson; a son, Ronnie Jordan; and a nephew, Jack Gibson, who was like a son to him.

Funeral services will be Thursday, December 23, 2010, at 10:30 a.m. in the Wolcottville Church of God with Pastor Gene Suffridge officiating and Pastor Wade Sturdivant to pay a special tribute.

Honorary pallbearers will be Mark Dempsey and Casey Polly. Active pallbearers will be Jim Fugate Sr., Charles Wooten, Larry Polly Jr., Seth Leins, Mickey Holliday, Tommy Gibson Jr.

Calling is Wednesday, December 22, 2010, after 3 p.m. at the church.

Arrangements are by Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, Wolcottville.

View a video tribute after Wednesday or send condolences to the family at [www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com)

## Cassandra Hippenhammer

**KENDALLVILLE** — Cassandra Sue Hippenhammer, 58, of Kendallville died Friday, Dec. 17, 2010, in the emergency room at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.



Mrs. Hippenhammer graduated in 1970 from North Side High School in Fort Wayne.

She was a homemaker. She was the vice president of the Humane Society of Noble County.

Mrs. Hippenhammer was a member of the Rome City United Methodist Church.

She was born Jan. 30, 1952, in Huntington to Woodrow and Mildred (Butts) Scheonlein. She married John Hippenhammer on June 26, 1971. He survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are many cousins.

She was preceded in death by her father, Woodrow Scheonlein; her mother, Mildred Smith; and her stepfather, Howard Smith.

A celebration of life service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday in the Rome City United Methodist Church with Pastor Barbara Cross officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

Memorials are to the family or the Humane Society of Noble County.

Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com)

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**Florence Bird**

ANGOLA — Florence L. Bird, 82, of Angola, Ind., died Sunday, December 19, 2010, at her home in Angola.

Mrs. Bird was a homemaker who still resided in her own home.

"She wished her loved ones to know that she did not fear death itself. She thought it was not the end, but a new beginning because of her faith in Christ."

She was born November 21, 1928, in South Bend, Ind., to Cecil Dewey and Florence Louise (Williams) Madden. They are deceased.

She married Fred Bird in July 1949. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are two sons, David Bird of Angola, Ind., and Robert Bird of Hamilton, Ind.; a daughter,



**Mrs. Bird**

Linda Angel of Auburn, Ind.; two brothers, William Madden of South Bend, Ind., and Donald Madden of Novata, Calif.; three sisters, Marjorie Holland of South Bend, Ind.; Joyce Stout of Denton, Texas, and Shari Dellinger of Naperville, Ill.; two grandsons, Bryan Bird and Brad Bird; and four great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Robert Madden, and a sister, Shirley Bishop.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Thursday, December 23, 2010, at the Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, Ind., with a graveside service to immediately follow at Circle Hill Cemetery.

Pastor Jim Hulbert will officiate.

You may sign a guestbook at [www.weichtfh.com](http://www.weichtfh.com).

**Wendel Hicks**

ANGOLA — Wendel R. Hicks, 81, passed away Saturday, December 18, 2010 in Angola.

Born in Fort Wayne, Wendel worked as a supervisor and cable splicer with GTE for 40



**Mr. Hicks**

years, retiring in 1985. He was a member of St. Nicholas Eastern Orthodox Church and a U.S. Army veteran.

Surviving are his wife, S. Dianne Hicks of Angola; sons, Tod (Grace) Hicks of Urbana, Ohio, Rod (Deb) Hicks of Angola, and Forrest (Denise) Hicks of Angola; brothers, Frank (Peg) Hicks of Michigan and Duane (Phyllis) Hicks of Leo; grandchildren, Ben, Lucas, Brandon, Brian, Brad, Josh and Logan Hicks, Brittany Irving, Kevin and Valarie Hickey, Jeremy Hollar and Kyle Metcalf; and great-grandchildren, Dylan and Brooklyn.

Wendel was preceded in death by his parents, Marion and Thelma Hicks.

Funeral services are 10 a.m. Wednesday, December 22, 2010 at D.O. McComb and Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 East Dupont Road, Fort Wayne, with Fr. Andrew Jarmus officiating.

Calling will be at the funeral home today, Tuesday, December 21, 2010, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m., with a Trisagion Service at 7:30 p.m. Burial in Greenlawn Memorial Park, Fort Wayne.

Memorials may be made to the St Nicholas Eastern Orthodox Church. To sign the online guest book, go to [www.mccombandsons.com](http://www.mccombandsons.com).

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**Thomas Waite**

ANGOLA — Thomas L. Waite, 67, of Angola died Sunday, Dec. 19, 2010, in Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Mr. Waite was a self-employed truck driver. He was also a farmer.

He was a veteran of the National Guard.

Mr. Waite attended Sonlight Community Church in Angola.

He was a member of the Angola American Legion Post 31 and the Coon Hunters Club of Reading, Mich.



**Mr. Waite**

Mr. Waite loved spending time with his grandchildren, coon hunting, cutting wood, collecting chainsaws and following NASCAR.

He was born April 14, 1943, in Angola, Ind., to Robert C. and Betty (Sams) Waite. His mother, Betty Waite, survives in Angola. His father preceded him in death on October 27, 1992.

He married Diana J. Chiddister on October 26, 1963. She survives in Angola.

Also surviving are four daughters, Deb Waite of Angola, Teresa Furniss of Angola, Barb and her husband Joe Schmidt of Angola, and Christina and her husband Herb Howard of Hamilton; a brother, Ron Waite of Angola; four sisters, Judy Sparks of Indianapolis, Sue Wyatt of Angola, Janie Willms of Angola and Julie Stackhouse of Angola; six grandchildren, Hannah Schmidt, Hailey Schmidt, MaKenna Schmidt, Emma Howard, Georgia Howard and Lathan Thomas Howard; and several nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by a nephew, David Rook.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, December 22, 2010, at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola with Pastor John Willoughby officiating. Burial will be in Flint Cemetery in Steuben County, Ind.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today, Tuesday, December 21, 2010, at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family for the education of his grandchildren.

You may sign a guestbook at [www.weichtfh.com](http://www.weichtfh.com).



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**Richard Weaver**

GOSHEN — Richard F. "Dick" Weaver, 74, died unexpectedly at his home Tuesday.

Services are Friday at 10 a.m. at Yoder-Culp Funeral Home. Burial will be in Rock Run Cemetery, Goshen.

Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m., Thursday, at Yoder-Culp Funeral Home.

**Susan Gael**

OCALA, Fla. — Susan E. (Mills) Gael died Thursday, December 2, 2010, in Ocala, Florida.

A celebration of life service was held at the Club House at Paddock Park, Ocala, Fla.

A memorial service will be held at a later date in Indiana.

Memorials are to Weirsdale Presbyterian Church, 16303 SE 137th Ct., P.O. Box 269, Weirsdale, FL 32195 or to charity of donor's choice.

**Doris Gerber**

GARRETT — Doris Jean Gerber, 81, of Garrett died Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2010, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.



**Mrs. Gerber**

Mrs. Gerber was a homemaker and had worked at Miller's Merry

Manor for a period of time.

She was a member of the Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren and the Women's Fellowship. She was also a member of Sigma Phi Gamma and the Garrett Homemakers.

She was born Dec. 27, 1928, in Garrett to John and Edith (Wilmot) Yarde and they preceded her in death. She married Carl L. Gerber on Sept. 7, 1947, in Garrett and he survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are a daughter, Carla (Scott) Winebrenner of Garrett; a son, Greg (Tammie) Gerber of Trenton, S.C.; eight grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; a brother, Dale (Alice) Yarde of Garrett; and a sister, Nancy (Don) Potter of Fort Wayne.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at the Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren near Garrett, with Pastor Brad Hardesty officiating. There will be calling at the church from 9-10 a.m.

Visitation will also be from 2-8 p.m. Thursday at Thomas Funeral Home at Garrett.

Burial will take place at Embrey Cemetery near Garrett, following the services.

Memorials are to the Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren or the Kidney Foundation.

You may send a condolence or sign the on-line register book by visiting [www.thomasfuneralhome.org](http://www.thomasfuneralhome.org)

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**William Gravens**

DECATUR — William S. "Bill" Gravens, 82, of Decatur, Ind., passed away on Monday, December 20, 2010, at the Richard L. Roudebush VA Medical Center in Indianapolis, Ind. Bill was born on August 30, 1928, in Glasgow, Kentucky, to Sanford and Ethel (Mansfield) Gravens.

Bill retired after 27 years of service from Kroger Distribution in Fort Wayne.

He served his country during WWII and the Korean War. He was a member of the American Legion Post 43, the Northern Indiana Blue Grass Association and a member of the Gerber's Good Time Coffee Club.

Bill is survived by his companion, Jean Crandall of Berne, Ind.; three sons, Christopher J. Gravens, David S. Gravens and William S. Gravens, all of Decatur, Ind.; two daughters, Carol A. Jackson of Monroe, Ind., and Susie J. (Randy) Johnson of Sylvan Lake, Rome City, Ind.; a sister, Barbara J. Thomas of Decatur, Ind.; four grandchildren, Troy W. Johnson, Amanda Johnson, Christopher Gravens and Kaylee Gravens; three great-grandchildren Tyson, Colton and Mason.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Ann; a son, James; and 10 brothers and sisters.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, December 26, 2010, at Haggard and Sefton Funeral Home and one hour prior to services.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, December 27, 2010, at 11 a.m. at the funeral home with the Rev. Mark Harris officiating. Burial will take place at Ray Cemetery in Monroe, Ind., with military graveside rites by American Legion Post 43 Color Guard.

Memorials are to American Legion Post 43 Color Guard.

To sign the guest book, click on [www.haggardandsefton.com](http://www.haggardandsefton.com)

**Maxine Kramer**

FORT WAYNE — Maxine Ruth (Mueller) Kramer, 80, of Fort Wayne, passed away Tuesday, December 21, 2010, at Lutheran Life Villages, Kendallville.

She was born in Fort Wayne and lived there most of her life.

She was the daughter of Max and Loretta (Hoepfner) Mueller.

She graduated from Rochester High School in 1948. In her senior year, she was given an award for girls athletics from the state of Indiana. She attended Valparaiso University and River Forest Teacher College in Illinois.

She did her practice teaching in an orphanage in Addison, Ill. She taught school in Vincennes at St. Peter's Lutheran School for six years.

In 1953, she married Norman Kramer at St. John's Lutheran Church in Rochester, Ind. Norman was a state of Indiana baseball Hall of Famer and Phillies baseball professional scout. In 1956, they moved to Tell City, then in 1957, she was water safety director and life guard at Camp Koch (Tell City) for crippled children. In 1957-1958, she was a home bound teacher.

In 1960, they moved to Shelbyville, then in 1965, to Fort Wayne. She joined Emmanuel-St. Michael PTA. She was assistant Girl Scout and Brownie leader.

She was a member of St. Michael Lutheran Church since 1966, Ladies Guild and Lutheran Home Auxiliary.

From 1985-1994, she worked on the election board.

She is survived by a daughter, Kathleen (James) Liddy, of Fort Wayne; a son, Steve (Jennifer) Kramer of Kendallville; and two grandchildren, Max and Carl Kramer.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Norman in 1999.

Funeral services are at 10 a.m. Friday, December 24, 2010, at Klaehn, Fahl and Melton, Wayne Street Chapel, 420 W. Wayne St.

Visitation is from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Preferred memorials to St. Michael Lutheran Church.

## ALBION NEW ERA

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### **Dorothy M. Murphy, 81**

Dorothy M. Murphy, age 81, of Columbia City, Ind. passed away at 6:16 a.m. on Monday, December 20, 2010 at Parkview Whitley Hospital, Columbia City. Born on November 5, 1929 in Kokomo, IN, she was the daughter of Carl and Pearl (Hyndman) Boyer.

She lived in Cromwell, Ind. then moved to Columbia City in 1994. She graduated from Larwill High School with the Class of 1947. On November 5, 1949, she married Garner E. Murphy in South Whitley, Ind. She worked at Whitley Products, Pierceton, Ind. for 5 years and Weatherhead, Syracuse, Ind. for 34 years. She is a past member of the South Whitley Church of God, South Whitley, Ind.

Survivors include many cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband, Garner E. Murphy on May 27, 2009. At Mrs. Murphy's request there will be no visitation or services. Burial will be private. Memorials may be given in memory of Mrs. Murphy to Angelfood, c/o Eagle Quest Church, 1120 N. SR 109, Columbia City, IN 46725.

### **Leroy H. Altimus, 81**

Leroy H. "Skipper" Altimus, age 81, lifetime resident of Wawaka, died on Thursday, December 16, 2010 at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Mr. Altimus was born in Wawaka on August 30, 1929.

He married June Carolyn Pant on June 7, 1952 in Wawaka and she preceded his death on March 25, 1993.

Skipper was employed with the Indiana State Highway Department for 25 years.

He also farmed for Schermerhorn Farms for many years.

Survivors include: four sons, Richard Altimus of Wawaka, William Altimus of Wawaka, Skip and Shirley Altimus of Wawaka, Carroll and Tammy Altimus of Wawaka; ten grandchildren; David Altimus of Wawaka; Bobby Altimus of Topeka, Melody Altimus of Wawaka, Skippy Altimus of Wolf Lake, Amanda Altimus of Fort Wayne, Dawn and Greg Stewart of Wawaka, Brandy and James Howard of Wawaka, Holly and Aaron Krick of Decatur, Bernie Musser of Wawaka, and Chris and Gary Gayheart of Rome City; 21 great-grandchildren.

Best lady friend the past ten years, Mary Ann Rottmiller of Kendallville.

He was preceded in death by parents, son, LeRoy Robert Altimus, and daughter-in-law, Barbara Altimus on November 2, 2000.

Funeral services were Tuesday, December 21, 2010 at Hite Funeral Home with Rev. Omer Nisley officiating.

Burial was at Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Preferred memorials may be made to Orange Township Helping Hands.

Send a condolence to the family at [www.hitefuneral-home.com](http://www.hitefuneral-home.com).



ALBION NEW ERA

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**Shirley L. Buchtel, 75**

Shirley L. Buchtel, 75, of Ligonier, Ind., died at 4:30 p.m. Monday, December 13, 2010, at Goshen General Hospital following an extended illness.

Mrs. Buchtel grew up in the Goshen area and lived there until moving to Ligonier in 1962.

She worked as a telephone operator in LaGrange until retiring in 1978. Mrs. Buchtel graduated from Goshen High School in 1953. She enjoyed crocheting and collecting Eeyore memorabilia. She was an avid fan of NASCAR driver Ryan Newman.

She was born July 15, 1935, in Stroh, Ind., to Jesse and Gladys Ott. She married John R. Buchtel Sr. on September 19, 1958. He preceded her in death October 15, 1973.

Surviving are four children, Richard (Robin) Buchtel of Ligonier, Juliann (Danny) Staton of Cromwell, DeWayne (Angela) Buchtel of Cromwell and Julie (Dan) Geller of Ligonier; nine grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Dennis Brumbaugh of Fort Wayne and Sherman (Marilyn) Dunafin of Sturgis, Mich. She was also preceded in death by a son, Joe Buchtel in 1983; a grandson, Anthony Staton in 1988; a stepson, John Butchel Jr. in 1994; her parents; a brother, Truman Arver in 1997; and a sister, Berdella Crowell.

Funeral services were Friday, December 17, 2010, at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, with the Rev. Mel Harrell of the Ligonier Church of Christ officiating.

Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

ALBION NEW ERA

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**Dortha Jane Bryant, 90**

Dortha Jane Bryant, age 90, formerly of South Milford, died on Thursday, December 16, 2010 at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla where she resided the past six years.

Mrs. Bryant was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana on May 4, 1920 to the late August Carl and Margaret Ann (Grimm) Fremion.

She graduated from Elmhurst High School in 1939 and married Harold Martin Bryant on February 17, 1945 in Wichita Falls, Texas. Mr. Bryant preceded her in death on June 22, 1992.

Dortha was a homemaker and she also worked at the little restaurant in J.O. Mory building in South Milford as a cook and waitress.

In earlier years, Dortha worked at General Electric in Fort Wayne and she was also a switchboard operator at the phone company in Waynedale.

She was a member of the South Milford United Methodist Church and was involved in many activities within the church.

Dortha loved to be outside at their farm home tending to her garden and flowers. She also enjoyed baking.

Survivors include two daughters; Colleen Gamble of South Milford, and Vicky Bennigan of Kimmell, Indiana; three grandchildren; Sherry Gamble of Huntertown, Christie Gamble of Kendallville; and Suzanne Gamble of Fort Wayne; step-grandchildren; Teresa Bennigan of Hobe Sound, Florida and Lori Bennigan of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Marge Ulrich and two infant brothers, Charles John and Joseph Fremion.

Funeral services were Monday, December 20, 2010 at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service was Rev. Barbara Cross.

Burial was next to her husband at South Milford Cemetery following the funeral.

Preferred memorials may be made to activities fund at Provena Sacred Heart Home or South Milford United Methodist Church.

Send a condolence to the family at [www.hitefuneral-home.com](http://www.hitefuneral-home.com).

## **Rural Corunna man found dead**

CORUNNA — A rural Corunna man was found dead

Tuesday in a workshop at his home, authorities said.

Jeremy Kline, 32, was discovered around 6 p.m. in the building along S.R. 327 south of Corunna, said DeKalb County Coroner Jeff Warner.

An autopsy Wednesday afternoon in Fort Wayne did not reveal a cause of death, Warner said. Toxicology reports that could pinpoint the cause will take 2-3 weeks to complete, he said.

A family member said Mr. Kline appeared to have been working on a vehicle when he died. His obituary appears on page A4.



**Kline**

## **Jeremy Kline**

CORUNNA — Jeremy L. Kline, age 32, of Corunna died on Tuesday, December 21, 2010.

He was born December 29, 1977, in Auburn.

He was a 1996 graduate of DeKalb High School. He had worked in the maintenance department at the

Dalton Foundry in Kendallville until it closed.

He loved being outdoors. He enjoyed snowmobiling and four wheeling.

He especially loved his family. He was always willing to give a helping hand to anyone in need.

He is survived by his father and stepmother, Brian and Patti Kline of Waterloo; mother and stepfather, Lori and Dusty Bock of Waterloo; his grandparents, Elaine Kline of Waterloo, Jon and Joyce McDaniel of Auburn and Donna Bock of Kendallville; three brothers, Chad Kline of Kendallville, Shane and Megan Kline of St. Joe and Justin and Kira Kline of Butler; a stepbrother, Logan Kline of Waterloo; a stepsister, Kayla Neal of Angola; several nieces and nephews, Landen Kline, Reagan Kline, Ryan Traxler, Emalynn Kline, Dayton Kline and Kaydyn Kline; and his beloved dog, Rufus.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Robert Kline.



**Mr. Kline**

Visitation will be held on Monday, December 27, 2010, from 2-5:30 p.m., with the funeral to follow at 5:30 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56 Garrett, Ind.

Following the service, there will be a celebration of life gathering at Middaugh Hall in Auburn starting at 6:30 p.m. Memorials are to the Corunna Volunteer Fire Department.

To send a condolence or sign the online guestbook visit [www.thomasfuneralhome.org](http://www.thomasfuneralhome.org)



# Former resident found dead

Michigan police  
investigating death  
of Timothy Bolen

BY MATT GETTS  
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BARRY COUNTY, Mich. — Authorities believe a body found in a wooded field on Tuesday was that of a former Rome City man.

Timothy Bolen has been living in Kalamazoo, Mich., according to family members, and had gone missing on Friday. A sister estimated his age to be 43.

According to Michigan State Trooper Bryan Fuller, a body believed to be Bolen's was located in a wooded area in Barry County, which is located northeast of Kalamazoo County in central Michigan. The body was discovered at approximately 3 p.m. by a property owner, Fuller said.

Fuller said Wednesday afternoon authorities were still waiting for the body to thaw so an autopsy could be performed. Police were releasing few details regarding the case.

"We are investigating a body that was found in Barry County," Fuller said. "We are not sure how it got there."

According to his family, Bolen had lived in both Rome City and Wolcottville before moving to Michigan.

Fuller said Bolen has been tentatively identified after comparing tattoos and other body features to information provided by the family. The autopsy is expected to provide a definitive identification.

To all who visited, sent cards, food, or money,

the family of

**"Doc" Fausnaugh**

wishes to thank you. Also thanking Larry Baker and Yeager's Funeral Home. Also to our wonderful Cosperville Baptist Church family and Pastor Jim Barnes, in helping us say goodbye to a good friend, brother, uncle, husband, dad and granddad.

We miss you "Doc."  
Nancy & Family



## Area Marine killed

FORT WAYNE — A Fort Wayne marine died Tuesday in Afghanistan, our news partner, NewsChannel 15, reported.

Lance Cpl. William "Billy" Crouse, 22, and his bomb-sniffing dog were patrolling in Afghanistan when they were hit by an improvised explosive device, his family said.

Crouse had attended Northrop High School in Fort Wayne.

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## Virginia Owen

ALBION — Virginia Owen, 93, a resident of Albion and widow of Clarence Owen, passed away at 5:15 a.m. on Wednesday, December 22, 2010, at

Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.



**Mrs. Owen**

Mrs. Owen was born on September 20, 1917, in Whitley County, a daughter of Frank and Clara (Gebert) Deutsch, and moved as a child with her parents to Collins. She attended the Collins Grade School, and graduated from Churubusco High School in 1935.

On July 6, 1940, she was married in South Milford to Clarence Owen, and lived all of her adult life in Noble County.

She had previously worked at Blue Bell in Columbia City, and retired in 1980 from Dana Weatherhead Division in Columbia City after 30 years.

She was a member of the Green Center United Methodist Church, UAW Local 1404, and the Weatherhead Pioneer Club.

Mr. Owen preceded her in death on February 23, 1985.

The surviving relatives include a son, Larry (Diane Betz) Owen of Bluffton; her daughter, Luana Walker of Albion; a daughter-in-law, Judith (Anderson) Owen of Albion; a sister, Isabelle Maggart of Columbia City; her grandchildren, David (Lisa Cordis Buchhop) Owen of Napoleon, Ohio, Dana Owen of Warsaw, Dawn (Michael) Carter of Stafford, Va., Sarah Owen of

Washington, D.C., Julie (Duane) Modlin of Warsaw, North Carolina, and Mark (Rachel Murphy) Owen of Bluffton; two great-grandchildren, Kate and Luke Carter of Stafford, Va.; and three stepgreat-grandchildren, Jena (Wade) Campbell of Port Aransas, Texas, and Chris and Sarah Buchhop of Napoleon, Ohio.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a son, Charles Owen; a stillborn daughter; a son-in-law, Riley Walker; four brothers, Lloyd Deutsch, Gerald Deutsch, Virgil Deutsch and Clifford Deutsch; and three sisters, Mabel Henderson, Crystal Shively and Katherine Nace.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, December 27, 2010, at the Green Center United Methodist Church, with Pastor Nancy Fergusson officiating.

The family will receive friends at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco on Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m., or at the church one hour prior to the service.

Interment will be in the Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

The family requests that memorials be directed to Green Center United Methodist Church.

To leave an online condolence for the family in Mrs. Owen's memory, log on to

[www.sheetsandchilds.net](http://www.sheetsandchilds.net)

## Franklin Geiger

CHURUBUSCO — Franklin Geiger, 96, of Green Township died Wednesday, Dec. 22, 2010.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the Sugar Grove Church of God. Interment will be in Eel River Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 3-8 p.m. today at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco and one hour prior to the service Friday at the church.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you give a gift to a friend or family in need during this Christmas season.

Online condolences may be sent to [www.sheetsandchilds.net](http://www.sheetsandchilds.net)

## Ann Frane

FORT WAYNE — Ann M. Frane, 62, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2010, at Lutheran Hospital.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Hockemeyer & Miller

Funeral Home. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 9:30-11 a.m. Monday prior to the service.

Memorials are to the ministry of the Rev. Nancy "Honeytree" Miller.

## **Olivia Deetz**

**WATERLOO** — Olivia "Livy" Binkley Deetz, 33, died Tuesday, December 21, 2010, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Olivia was born December 12, 1977, in Auburn to Randall and Pamela

(Binkley) Deetz. They both survive in Waterloo.

She loved the Chicago Cubs, DeKalb County Fair, books, Cookie Monster, playing games with her brother and her nieces.

Olivia is survived by her parents; a brother, Roger Deetz and his wife Nadine McSpadden of Indianapolis; two nieces, Lucy Deetz and Lainey Deetz; and her grandmother, Gloria Deetz of Waterloo.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Oscar Deetz and Robert and Phyllis Binkley.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, December 27, 2010, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home in Auburn.

The family will receive friends for one hour prior to the service from 1 to 2 p.m.

Memorials can be given in Olivia's memory to Children First Center or DeKalb County Community Foundation.

To view an obituary or send condolences visit [fellerandclark.com](http://fellerandclark.com).



**Miss Deetz**

## **Timothy Bolen**

**KALAMAZOO, Mich.** — Timothy Bolen, 43, formerly of Rome City and Wolcottville, was found dead Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2010, in Michigan.

Service arrangements are pending.

## **Robin Bair**

**LIGONIER** — Robin E. Bair, 54, of Ligonier died at 9:29 p.m. Monday, December 20, 2010, at Goshen General Hospital following a short, but courageous, battle with cancer. He had been ill since November 19, 2010.

Robin worked in the maintenance department at Carriage Inc. and prior to that had worked 20 years at Western Consolidated Technology in Ligonier.

He enjoyed camping and loved racing of all types. He found much pleasure in fixing anything that was not working, especially when it was for others.

He was born August 13, 1956, in Fort Wayne, Ind., to Guy and Dorothy (Bercot) Bair. They preceded him in death.



**Mr. Bair**

He married Cynthia (Hoppus) Kinch on June 23, 1990. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Candice (Paul) Rowe of Fort Wayne and Crystal (Jason) Baker of Syracuse; four sons, Jenoah (Teresa) Bair of Fort Wayne, Jerry (Tracey) Bair of LaGrange, John (Tamara) Bair of Ligonier and Robert Bair of Ligonier; 15 grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; five sisters, Karen Taylor of Fort Wayne, Peggy Bair of Arizona, Sandra Life of Arizona, Cindy (Steve) Rye of Arizona and Melody (Jeff) Platt of Arizona; and two brothers, Rick (Genia) Bair of Fort Wayne and Randy (Kathy) Bair of Arizona.

Private arrangements have been made.

Yoder-Culp Funeral Home in Goshen is in charge of arrangements.



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### **Richard Weaver**

GOSHEN — Richard F. "Dick" Weaver, 74, died unexpectedly at his home Tuesday, December 21, 2010.

He was born in Wawaka on March 6, 1936, to the late Frank and Alberta (Francis)



**Mr. Weaver**

Weaver. He married Mary Helen Baker in Ligonier on August 15, 1959. Mary Helen survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Linda D. (Mike Eby) Weaver of Goshen and Brenda Noelle (Bradley Walker) Weaver of Brooklyn, N.Y.; a son, James R. (Cheryl) Weaver of Goshen; four grandchildren; a stepgreat-grandson; a sister, Karen (Robert) Growcock of Wolcottville; and two brothers, Grover (Rose) Weaver of Wawaka and David (Sarah) Weaver of LaGrange.

Dick had worked for more than 30 years at Goshen Rubber as a supervisor in quality control. He retired in 2000 after 10 years at Elkhart Brass.

He graduated from Wawaka High School in 1955 where he will be remembered for being active in all sports.

Locally, he was a well-known freshwater fisherman par excellence in good weather and bad. Dick had been ice fishing on Lake Wawasee on Monday, the day before he died.

One of his greatest joys was being a grandfather.

Friends may call 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m., today, Thursday, December 23, at Yoder-Culp Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the funeral home with Pastor Jim Shrock of First Baptist Church officiating.

Burial will be in Rock Run Cemetery, Goshen.

### **Vincent Lopez**

NORTH BALTIMORE, Ohio — Vincent A. Lopez, 82, of North Baltimore, Ohio, died at 2:45 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2010 at Briar Hill Health Campus, North Baltimore.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 27, 2010 at Holy Family Catholic Church, North Baltimore. Burial will be in Maplewood Cemetery, North Baltimore, where full military rites will be conducted by the North Baltimore Veterans Memorial Squad Post 539.

Calling will be from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 26, 2010 at Smith-Crates Funeral Home, North Baltimore, where a prayer service will be held at 3:45 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Wood County Humane Society and/or Bridge Home Health and Hospice.

Online condolences may be made at [www.coldrenrates.com](http://www.coldrenrates.com).

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**Vesta Bowen**

EDGERTON, Ohio — Vesta M. Bowen, 81, of Edgerton, Ohio, died Wednesday, Dec. 22, 2010, in her home after a brief illness.



**Mrs. Bowen**

Mrs. Bowen was formerly employed by Knisley Cleaners in Edgerton for many years. She had also worked at Edgerton Metals and Syncro-Tech, also in Edgerton. In recent years, she was a private duty home health care provider for many elderly in the area.

She was a member of Trinity Bible Church in Edgerton.

She was born Feb. 5, 1929, near Edon, Ohio, to Ora J. and Thelma (Weldy) Gipple. She married Roy H. Bowen on Feb. 15, 1947, in Butler, Ind. He preceded her in death on Dec. 24, 1984.

Surviving are two daughters, Wayne (Susan) Bowsher of Edgerton, and Nanette (Steve) Jennings of Auburn, Ind.; six grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; a daughter-in-law, Cathy Bowen of Butler, Ind.; four brothers, Eddie, Ronald, Donald and Dennis Gipple; and six sisters, Shirley Gipple, Veronica Yoder, Patsy Gipple, Donna Wasson, Mary Waters and Linda Gipple.

She was also preceded in

death by a son, Rick "Rocket" Bowen; a grandson, Randy Bowen; her parents; and two brothers, Ora Gipple Jr. and Calvin Gipple.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Monday at Krill Funeral Home in Edgerton.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the funeral home with Pastor Dennis Kutzner officiating. Interment will follow in Maple Grove Cemetery, Edgerton.

Memorials are to Community Hospitals and Wellness Centers Hospital Hospice.

To sign the online register or send condolences, visit [www.krillfuneralservice.com](http://www.krillfuneralservice.com).

**Effie Schimes**

FORT WAYNE — Effie Schimes, 69, of Fort Wayne died Monday, Dec. 20, 2010, at Visiting Nurse and Hospice in Fort Wayne.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Elmhurst Church of the Nazarene.

Calling is one hour prior to services.

Memorials are to Elmhurst Church of the Nazarene.

Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

**Claude LaRowe**

LAOTTO — Claude LaRowe, 101, of LaOtto died Thursday, Dec. 23, 2010, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Arrangements are pending at Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Auburn.

A full obituary will appear in Sunday's edition.

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**Rhoda Hostetler**

ALBION — Rhoda Lee Hostetler, 91, passed away Tuesday, December 22, 2010, at the North Ridge Village



**Mrs.  
Hostetler**

Nursing Center in Albion where she had resided since April.

Rhoda Lee was born on December 27, 1918, in Peru, Indiana, to

Louis D. and Dessa I. (Nicodemus) Herlem.

She was a lifetime resident of Miami County and was a homemaker.

She enjoyed volunteer work in her church, the Miami County Historical Society and other community organizations. She played the organ and for many years played at Miller's Nursing Home in Peru twice a week.

She was a 70-year member of Parkview United Methodist Church in Peru and at the time of her death was a member of Sparta United Church of Christ in Kimmell.

Rhoda Lee was married to Don E. Hostetler in Peru on August 17, 1941, and he preceded her in death on

March 26, 1995.

She was also preceded in death by two sisters, Geraldine (Wayne) Hostetler and Rosemary (Perry) Kaufman and two brothers, John L. Herlem and Richard D. Herlem.

Surviving are her son, David L. Hostetler and his wife Curryanne of Albion; two granddaughters, Tabitha A. (Ben) Jecmen of Phoenix, Arizona, and Rachel L. (Patrick) O'Leary of Chicago, Illinois.

Funeral services will be at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St. Peru, Indiana, on Tuesday, December 28, 2010, at 2 p.m., with viewing from noon to 2 p.m. prior to the service.

The Rev. Curryanne Hostetler, Rhoda Lee's daughter-in-law, and the Rev. J. Robert Clark will be officiating. Burial will be in the Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru, Indiana.

Memorials may be made to Sparta United Church of Christ, 2584 N. U.S. 33, Kimmell, IN 46760-9623.

On line condolences may be made at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com).

**Rodney Kitchen**

WOLCOTTVILLE — Rodney Jay Kitchen, 57, of Wolcottville died Thursday, Dec. 23, 2010, in Goshen General Hospital in Goshen.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, Wolcottville.



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# Creating Quilts of Valor

## Mary Tucker had a heart for wounded U.S. soldiers

BY DAVE KURTZ

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SPENCERVILLE — Mary Tucker loved any kind of underdog, said her stepdaughter, Toni Dickerhoff of Spencerville.

Her heart went out to stray cats, and especially to wounded soldiers.

Mrs. Tucker died Nov. 7, 2010, at the age of 81.

She was no ordinary octogenarian.

"She was the only 80-plus-year-old I know of that not only had her own web site, *Beginners and Beyond*, so she could help other people in the craft of quilting, but also had a laptop computer and a desktop computer and was very PC-savvy," Dickerhoff said.

Mrs. Tucker organized the *Beginners and Beyond* online quilt group, which grew to more than 500 members all over the nation.

The group's members made quilted Christmas stockings for soldiers, said Kathleen Renno of New Haven. They filled more than 200 stockings each year with candy and presents and sent them overseas.

Soldiers who came home wounded received special treatment. *Beginners and Beyond* members from across the nation would create patriotic quilt blocks and send them to Mrs. Tucker, who assembled them into finished works.

"Then she would ship them off to an organization that was involved with the Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D.C., so that when the soldiers came back home with their injuries, they would be given a quilt," Dickerhoff said.



Mrs. Tucker

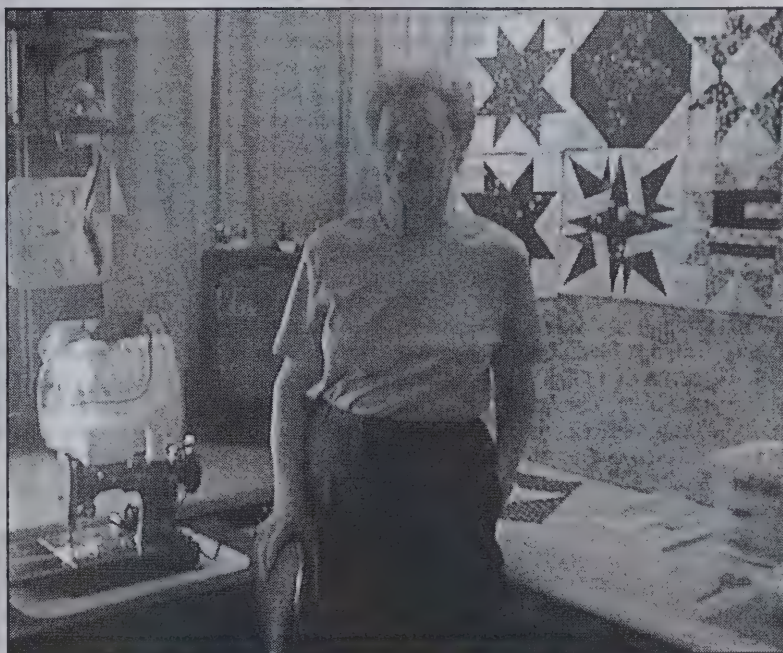


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**Mary Tucker stands with one of her sewing machines and some of her quilting creations.**

Mrs. Tucker called the creations *Quilts of Valor*, Renno said.

She personalized the quilts with each soldier's name and branch of service, said her daughter-in-law, Sue Shears of Fort Wayne. Soldiers wrote back with expressions of how much it meant to receive the quilts from someone who didn't even know them.

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"She would get thank-you's from their families and the soldiers ... with pictures of soldiers in their uniforms holding up their quilts," Dickerhoff said.

Renno nominated Mrs. Tucker for recognition last January on Indiana's News Center's "Angels Among Us" feature.

"I have two boys," Mrs. Tucker told a television interviewer. "My boys never had to go to the service. So I think about the moms and the grandmas, everybody that has boys in the service. They've put their lives on hold with their families to do this for us. Now, what can I do that might give them a little bit of happiness and make them feel that we are behind them?"

"She was quite a special lady," Shears said. "She was very giving. If she heard of a need, she would try to help that need."

That might explain why Mrs. Tucker kept a half-dozen cats in her home and fed as many as 30 strays on her porch. She kept them warm in the

winter with quilts and electric heating pads.

"If my only vice is feeding abandoned cats, I guess I'm doing pretty good," Mrs. Tucker once told Dickerhoff.

Earlier in her life, Mrs. Tucker worked as a beautician and at a restaurant in Spencerville, where she sold her popular chocolate fudge.

She became active in quilting over the past two decades. Self-taught, she picked up the craft from her mother. Eventually, she learned to operate sophisticated, computer-controlled quilting machines.

"When we got heavily involved in Iraq, she found her goal there" in making the patriotic quilts, Dickerhoff said.

In the television salute to Mrs. Tucker, fellow quilter Karen Stir of New Haven said, "If you're looking for someone who totally supports our military men and women and their families, it's Mary K. She just gives 100 percent to them all the time."

## Mary Crowl

ANGOLA — Mary Evelylin Crowl, 81, of Angola, died Friday, Dec. 24, 2010 in Angola.

She was a homemaker in her own home.

On Dec. 19, 1929, in Angola, she was born to Marshall and Goldie (Craun) Miller. She married Donald Crowl. He preceded her in death in 1986.

Surviving are: five sons, Gary (Polly) Crowl, Angola, Randy Crowl, Archbold, Ohio, David Crowl and Robert Crowl, both of Hamilton, and Wayne and Chris Crowl, Pleasant Lake; a daughter, Linda (Reginald "Buzz") Steele, Angola; a sister-in-law, Lucille Goodrich, Hudson; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.



**Mrs. Crowl**

Preceding her in death, in addition to her husband, were: her parents; a sister, Betty Blackstone; and a brother, Mark Miller.

Services will be Tuesday, Dec. 28, 2010, at 11 a.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Pastor John Boyanowski officiating. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery, Hamilton.

Memorials are to the Hamilton Fire Department.

The guestbook may be signed online at [weichtfh.com](http://weichtfh.com).



## Auburn Auto Co.'s last survivor dies

AUBURN — Claude LaRowe, 101, of LaOtto, believed to be the last surviving employee of the



LaRowe

Auburn Automobile Co., died Thursday, Dec. 23, 2010, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mr. LaRowe

worked as a trim setter at the Auburn Automobile Co., which made classic Auburn and Cord automobiles at its factory in Auburn before closing in 1937. The company also made classic Duesenberg automobiles.

LaRowe went to work at the Auburn Automobile Co. in 1927, when he was 17 years old, and made 37 1/2 cents per hour.

"My first job was putting windshields on Boattail Speedsters," LaRowe said in an interview on his 100th birthday last year.

He later worked in the body-assembly area on the company's third floor. He said he helped work on a parade car for pilot Charles Lindbergh and a car for the King of Siam.

An obituary for Mr. LaRowe appears on page A4 of today's edition.

## Claude LaRowe

LAOTTO — Claude LaRowe, 101, of LaOtto died Thursday, Dec. 23, 2010, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mr. LaRowe was a lifetime farmer. He was also a trim setter at the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Company. He was the last surviving employee of the company.



Mr. LaRowe

He was a member of the Huntertown Masonic Lodge and the Noble County Shrine Club.

He was born May 2, 1909, in

Greentown, to Frederick Cash and Artitia (Warnock) LaRowe. They preceded him in death. He married Alvada Brown on April 19, 1930, in Auburn. She died Jan. 15, 2000.

Surviving are three daughters and a son, Mary Jane Hamilton-Merritt of Connecticut, Shirley Jean Chastain of Elkhart, James Fredrick LaRowe of LaOtto, and Barbara Jo LaRowe of Arvada, Colo.; six grandchildren, Charles Fredrick Chastain, Harold Eugene Chastain, Curtis Fredrick LaRowe, Kimberly Kay Mishler, Daniel William LaRowe, and Schuyler Henry Fuller Merritt; 14 great-grandchildren; and one great great-grandchild.

He was also preceded in death by a sister, Merle Brown, and four brothers, Bill LaRowe, Harold LaRowe, Delbert LaRowe and Clyde LaRowe.

Services will be 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 28, 2010 at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Sherri Long officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be prior to the services Tuesday from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be directed to Provena Sacred Heart Home Nursing Scholarship or Provena Sacred Heart Home for Alzheimer's Residents, 515 N. Main St., Avilla IN 46763.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit [fellerand-clark.com](http://fellerand-clark.com).

## Rodney Kitchen

WOLCOTTVILLE — Rodney Jay Kitchen, 57, of Wolcottville died Thursday, Dec. 23, 2010, in Goshen General Hospital, Goshen.

Mr. Kitchen was a 1972 graduate of East Noble High School. He received an associate degree in electronics from ITT in Fort Wayne.



Mr. Kitchen

He was owner and operator of Kitchen TV & Appliance in Wolcottville and Kendallville for 30 years, and had most recently worked at Crest Homes in Middlebury.

He enjoyed camping, playing drums in a band, and dearly loved his grandchildren.

He was born November 15, 1953, in Kendallville to Doyne and Evelyn (Hoover) Kitchen. On December 2, 1978, in Kendallville he married Connie Ebey.

Surviving are his wife, Connie Kitchen of Wolcottville; a son and daughter-in-law, Aaron and Whittany Kitchen of Kendallville; a daughter and son-in-law, Tara and Shanon Layne of Goshen; four grandchildren, Lucy Kitchen, Peyton Kitchen, Evan Layne and Caleb Jay Layne; his mother, Evelyn Kitchen of Kendallville; three sisters, Connie and Harold Douth of Albion, Julie and Tim Pease of Kendallville, and Vicki Lash and her friend, Curtis Setser of Kendallville; and his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Phil and Betty Ebey of Wolcottville.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Funeral services will be Monday, December 27, 2010, at 11 a.m. in the Wolcottville United Methodist Church with Pastor Jack Thomas officiating. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery, Wolcottville.

Casketbearers will be Aaron Kitchen, Shanon Layne, Tim Pease, Harold Douth, Curtis Setser and Jerry Ebey.

Calling will be today from 2 to 8 p.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, State Road 9 North, Wolcottville and one hour prior to services at the church on Monday.

Preferred memorials are to Cancer Services of Northeastern Indiana, 6316 Mutual Drive, Fort Wayne IN 46825.

View a video tribute after today or send condolences to the family at [youngfamilyfuneralhome.com](http://youngfamilyfuneralhome.com).

## Dean Faust

LAGRANGE — Dean DuWan "Bud" Faust, 81, of LaGrange, died Thursday, Dec. 23, 2010, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital, LaGrange.

He was a lifetime LaGrange County resident and a farmer. In 1989, after 33 years, he retired from



Mr. Faust

Kirsch Company in Sturgis, Mich., where he had worked in quality control.

Mr. Faust was born on Oct. 22, 1929, in LaGrange County, to Hilbert and Hilda M. (Reade) Faust. They preceded him in death.

On Oct. 28, 1950 in Burr Oak, Mich., he married Lois M. Lancaster. She survives in LaGrange.

Also surviving are: two daughters, Marsha K. Faust, Howe, and Cheryl A. Gabriel, Brazil, Ind.; a son, Dennis M. Faust, LaGrange; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 28, 2010, at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, with Rev. Mervin Miller officiating. Burial will be in East Springfield Cemetery in rural LaGrange.

Calling will be Monday, Dec. 27, 2010, from 2 to 6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to LaGrange County Clothes and Food Basket.

Condolences may be left for the family at [fruripmayfuneralhome.com](http://fruripmayfuneralhome.com).

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### **Mary Crowl**

ANGOLA — Mary Evylin Crowl, 81, of Angola, died Friday, Dec. 24, 2010 in Angola.

She was a homemaker in her own home.

On Dec. 19, 1929, in Angola, she was born to Marshall and Goldie (Craun)

Miller. She married Donald Crowl. He preceded her in death in 1986.

Surviving are: five sons, Gary (Polly) Crowl, Angola, Randy Crowl, Archbold, Ohio, David Crowl and Robert Crowl, both of Hamilton, and Wayne and Chris Crowl, Pleasant Lake; a daughter, Linda (Reginald "Buzz") Steele, Angola; a sister-in-law, Lucille Goodrich, Hudson; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death, in addition to her husband, were: her parents; a sister, Betty Blackstone; and a brother, Mark Miller.

Services will be Tuesday, Dec. 28, 2010, at 11 a.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Pastor John Boyanowski officiating. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery, Hamilton.

Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Hamilton Fire Department.

The guest book may be signed online at [weichtfh.com](http://weichtfh.com).



**Mrs. Crowl**

### **Sharon Tons**

ANGOLA — Sharon R. Tons, 72, of Angola died Sunday, Dec. 26, 2010, at Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home, Fort Wayne.

She was born June 7, 1938, in Batesville to Edgar and Clarabelle (Brewer) Krouse. She married Herbert Richard Tons on June 1, 1957.

She retired from the Angola K-Mart Deli.

She was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, Angola, and active in the March of

Dimes and the Diabetes Walk.

Surviving are three sons, Mike (Kelly) Tons of Lake Gage, Angola, Joe (Sylvia) Tons of Lake Arrowhead, Hudson, and Sam (Susie) Tons of Fremont; three daughters, Tina Noblit of Fremont, Cherie York of Los Angeles, Calif., and Tammela (Jim) Benson of Garrett; three brothers, Kenny Krouse of Fort Wayne, Larry Krouse of Texas and Jerry Krouse of Fort Wayne; 14 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Herbert Richard Tons, on Dec. 6, 2010; and a brother, Paul Krouse.

Funeral Mass will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. at St. Anthony Catholic Church, Angola, with Father Fred Pasche officiating. Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with a 7:30 p.m. prayer service, and at the church one hour before services there. Burial will be at Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse & Home Hospice Home, 5910 Homestead Rd., Fort Wayne, Indiana 46814, and St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, 700 W. Maumee Street, Angola, Indiana 46703.

To sign the guest book, go to [www.weichtfh.com](http://www.weichtfh.com)

### **David Gaston**

AUBURN — David Lee Gaston, 72, of Auburn died Sunday, Dec. 26, 2010, in Wesley Health Care Center, Auburn.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel.



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## **William Crouse**

FORT WAYNE — Lance Cpl. William "Billy" H. Crouse IV, 22, was killed in action Tuesday, December 21, 2010 in Helmand Province, Afghanistan.

Born in Angola, IN, Billy joined the U.S.

Marine Corps. in 2007

following graduation from Clinton High

School, Clinton, SC.

Surviving are his mother, Nancy (Vinnie) Siders of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Jennifer (Grant) Chaffee of LaGrange and Jennifer (Benjamin) Hartman of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Nathan Rothman of Phoenix, AZ and Ryan (Wendy) Rothman of Fort Wayne; a grandfather, Mike McGraw; a grandmother, Edwyna Siders; nieces and nephews, Melody Chaffee, Storm Chaffee, Elena Argerbright Rothman, Denver Argerbright Rothman, Corinne Rothman and Maxwell Hartman; his girlfriend, Sarah Haynes of Wilmington, NC; and numerous aunts and uncles.

Billy was preceded in death by his father, William H. Crouse III; a grandmother, Hilda McGraw; grandparents, William H. and Blanche Crouse II; and a grandfather, Vincent Siders.



**Mr. Crouse**

Funeral services are 2 p.m. Wednesday, December 29, 2010 at First Assembly of God, 1400 W. Washington Center Road, Fort Wayne, with calling from 10 a.m. until time of service. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens with full military honors rendered by the U.S. Marine Corps.

Memorial donations may be made to the Arthritis Foundation, Fairview Missionary Church, Stroh Church of Christ, the Wounded Warrior Project or the Save the Children Organization.

Arrangements by D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home.

To sign the online guest book, go to [www.mccombandsons.com](http://www.mccombandsons.com).

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**Dorothy Rauh**

**KENDALLVILLE** — Dorothy May Rauh, 100, of Kendallville, died on Saturday, December 25, 2010 at Lutheran Life Villages in Kendallville.



**Mrs. Rauh**

Mrs. Rauh was born in Bronson, Branch County, Michigan, on June 23, 1910 to the late Chauncy David and Edna Helen (Camp) Shultz. She married Forrest Earl Rauh on June 9, 1937 at St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville. Mr. Rauh preceded her death November 24, 1964.

Dorothy was a nurses' aide for 17 years and employed with McCray Hospital and the Lutheran Home in Kendallville. She was an active member of the Zion Lutheran Church, West Fairfield, near Corunna for more than 70 years. She was a member of the ladies' aid, Lutheran Women's Missionary League. Even before she retired in 1975, Dorothy began volunteering and was

named the Noble County senior Volunteer of the Year in 1997. She would transport people to run errands, to go shopping, get to doctors' appointments and she cared for the elderly in their homes. She volunteered many hours with various projects in the county. At Shepherd of the Hill nursing home, Dorothy worked in the gift shop, helped with visitation and assisted with activities. She also was involved in a cancer quilt project with middle school students making a quilt for a child at the Camp Whacha-Wanna-Do.

Dorothy was on the resident advisory board at the Lamplighter where she resided for several years. She served on the board of directors of the Noble County Council on Aging for more than 15 years. She also worked in the past, at the Kendallville Nutrition Site since its origin.

Dorothy was past member of the Wayne Township Extension Homemakers Club and she enjoyed sewing and crocheting hand-making many walker bags, cancer turbans, Crisis Bears for children, and lap robes for people who needed them. Much of her life was dedicated to helping others.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Judith and Monteal Lepper of LaOtto; four grandchildren and their spouses, Tina and Curtis Hapner of Waterloo, Dawn and Gary Reichhart of Avilla, Terri Lepper of Avilla and Joseph and Robin Lepper of LaOtto; six great-grandchildren, Tia and Jenna Hapner, Roger and Mary Reichhart, and Courtney and William Lepper; a sister, Vivian Cain of Kendallville; and a brother-in-law, Henry Marqueling of Fort Wayne.

She was also preceded in death by nine siblings: Clara Briggs, Clesson Shultz, Thelma Bachelor, Florence Kline, Tahtha Shultz, Wandella Shultz, Louise Stubig, Lewis Shultz and Phyllis Marqueling.

Visitation will be Tuesday, December 28, 2010 from 3-7 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 South Main Street in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, December 29, 2010 at 11 a.m. at Zion Lutheran Church, near Corunna. Officiating the funeral service will be Rev. Al Wingfield. There will be an hour of visitation at the church before the funeral service. Burial will be at Zion Lutheran Cemetery.

Preferred memorials may be made to Zion Lutheran Church or to Lutheran Life Villages, Kendallville Auxiliary.

Send a condolence to the family at [www.hitefuneralhome.com](http://www.hitefuneralhome.com)

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**Helen Fritz**

KENDALLVILLE — Helen L. (Blackman) Fritz, 91, of Kendallville, died Sunday, Dec. 26, 2010, at 11:30 p.m. at the Kendallville Manor Nursing Home.



**Mrs. Fritz**

Helen was born on Feb. 26, 1919, in Topeka to the late Howard and Arlene (Wooster) Parks. She was the second of nine children.

She was a graduate of the Avilla High School, graduating in 1937 as class valedictorian. She then went on to attend the Ball State Teachers College where she received her Registered Nurse Certification.

On July 27, 1941, she married Howard Lee Blackman. He was killed in action during World War II on Aug. 6, 1945. She later married Edward T. Fritz on Nov. 6, 1948, and he died on June 15, 1979.

While working as a Registered Nurse she worked as a hospital nurse, private practice nurse, public health nurse, school nurse and a nursing home nurse.

She was a life member of the Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla, where she was very active with the WSCS/United Methodist Women. She also was very active in community service, working with the American Red Cross, was a member of the PTA and was the past secretary of the McCray Hospital Board.

Besides being dedicated to her family, working as a nurse and community service, she loved sewing, writing and fishing.

She is survived by three sons and daughters-in-law; Douglas (Kathleen) Blackman, of Middleton, Idaho, David (Carol) Blackman of Kendallville and Daniel (Jennifer) Fritz of Avilla; a daughter and son in law; Kay (Ted) Killian of Medford, Ore.; 13 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; one brother, Forrest Parks of Avilla; and two sisters, Jeanette Henney of Woodburn and Ellen Holliman of Avilla.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husbands, four brothers, Gerald Parks, Clifford Parks, Donald Parks and youngest sibling, Richard Parks, and one sister, Ruth Carol Parks.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday at 10 a.m. at the Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla. The Rev. Dr. Leonard King will officiate the service.

Burial will follow at the Lakeview Cemetery in Kendallville.

Visitation will be on Wednesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Brazzell Funeral Homes, Avilla Chapel. Additional calling will be held 30 minutes prior to the funeral at the church.

Preferred memorials in memory of Helen may be directed to Calvary United Methodist Church or the American Red Cross.

To sign the online guest register book, visit [www.brazzellfuneralhome.com](http://www.brazzellfuneralhome.com).

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Brazzell Funeral Homes, Avilla Chapel.

**Mary Donaldson**

ANGOLA — Mary S. Donaldson, 94, died Friday night, Dec. 24, 2010, at Lakeland Nursing and Healthcare Center in Angola. Arrangements are pending at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home in Angola.

**Alton Hopkins**

EDON, Ohio — Alton L. "Pete" Hopkins, 80 of Edon, Ohio, died Sunday, Dec. 26, 2010, at the Bryan Care and Rehab Center in Bryan, Ohio. Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at the Thompson Funeral Home, Montpelier, Ohio. Private burial will be in the Riverside Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 4-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Hospital Hospice.



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### Catherine Smith

EDON, Ohio — Catherine M. Smith, age 83, of Butler, and formerly a longtime resident of Edon, Ohio, died at 2:45 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 25, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn, Indiana, where she was a patient, after a brief illness.



Mrs. Smith

She was born Dec. 14, 1927, in Hicksville, Ohio, to Lafayette and Harriett (Carrell) Thompson. She married John M. Smith on June 19, 1953, in Edon, Ohio, and he preceded her in death on January 26, 2003.

Surviving are two sons, Kent R. (Kathie) Smith, of Montpelier, Ohio, and Jerry Smith, of Michigan City, three grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and one sister, Virginia Harter, of Pulaski, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by one great-granddaughter, one brother, William Thompson, and two sisters, Mary and Rose Thompson.

Private services will be held at the Krill Funeral Home, 860 West Mulberry Street, Bryan, Ohio, with interment to follow in Edon Cemetery. There will be no visitation.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

To sign the online register or to send condolences, visit [www.krillfuneralservice.com](http://www.krillfuneralservice.com).

### Richard Weimer

FORT WAYNE — Richard E. Weimer, 82, passed away Saturday, Dec. 25, 2010 at Canterbury Nursing and Rehabilitation in Fort Wayne.

Born in Avilla, Richard worked in maintenance with Lincoln Life Insurance Company for 32 years, retiring in 1990. He was a member of St. Charles Borromeo Catholic



Mr. Weimer

Church and American Legion Post 240 in Avilla, and also was a U.S. Army Korean War Veteran. He and his wife, Mary Jo, enjoyed camping at Chain O' Lakes State Park.

Surviving are his sons, Richard E. Weimer Jr. and Matthew L. Weimer, both of Fort Wayne; daughters, Melinda (Tom) Muntzinger of Van Wert, Ohio, and Karen D. Wegman of Fort Wayne; 10 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and sister Pauline Milleman of Huntertown.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents, Earl W. and Harriett S. Weimer, and his wife, Mary Jo Weimer.

Mass of Christian Burial will be Thursday at 1:30 p.m. at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 4916 Trier Rd., Fort Wayne, with Fr. James Kumbakkeel officiating, with calling a half-hour prior.

Visitation is Wednesday from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. at D. O. McComb and Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, Fort Wayne, with rosary at 4:30 p.m.

Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be left at [www.mccombandsons.com](http://www.mccombandsons.com).

### Denise Craig

CHURUBUSCO —

Denise M. Craig, 53, of Churubusco, died at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 22, 2010, at Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home, Fort Wayne.

Services will be at noon Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2010, at Merriam Christian Chapel, Merriam. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Calling will be Wednesday from 10 a.m. until time of service at the chapel.

Memorials are to Gideons International or the Merriam Christian Chapel Mission Fund.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, is in charge of arrangements.

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**David Gaston**

AUBURN — David Lee Gaston, 72, of Auburn, died Sunday, Dec. 26, 2010, at 7:50 a.m. in Wesley Health Care Center, Auburn.



**Mr. Gaston**

Mr. Gaston, a lifetime area resident, retired from Warner Gear in Auburn. He was a U.S. Army veteran. He was a member of the VFW in Garrett and Auburn. The Muzzle Loader Club in St. Joe was started by David and his friend, Walter Perry.

He was born Feb. 5, 1938, in Hicksville, Ohio, to Walter Harold and Elsie Fern (Sigler) Gaston.

Surviving are a sister and brother-in-law, Edith and Chester Craft of Kendallville; and a special friend, Bonnie Everage of Tennessee.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his stepmother, Wandis Joy Gaston, and an infant brother.

Funeral services will be Thursday at 1:30 p.m. in the Salem United Baptist Church, 8227 SR 9 N, Kendallville, with Pastor Billy Tuttle officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery.

Calling will be Wednesday from 5 to 8 p.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville.

Memorials are to the Salem United Baptist Church.

Condolences may be left at [www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com).

**Larry Donat**

ROME CITY — Larry L. Donat, 67, of Rome City, died Sunday, Dec. 26, 2010, in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Funeral services will be Thursday, December 30, 2010, at 10 a.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, State Road 9 North, Wolcottville.

Calling is Wednesday, December 29, 2010, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

A full obituary will appear in Wednesday's edition.

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**Dr. Donald Welsh**

CHURUBUSCO — Dr. Donald E. Welsh, 81, a prominent Churubusco veterinarian and community leader, passed away on December 28, 2010, at his residence with his family by his side. He had been diagnosed with cancer on September 2, 2010.



**Dr. Welsh**

Dr. Welsh was born in Zanesville, Ohio, on August 7, 1929, a son of Stanley and Doris (Vandenbark) Welsh, and graduated from high school there. He had earned an associate's degree from Michigan State University, and was engaged in farming until he entered Ohio State University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in agriculture and a doctorate in veterinary medicine.

Upon completing his education he worked for one year in Lynn, Indiana, before moving to Churubusco and taking over the practice of former Churubusco veterinarian Dr. Bradley in 1963. His career as a veterinarian spanned a period of over 43 years, and he was the owner and operator of Churubusco Veterinary Hospital for 42 years, retiring in 2005. Following his retirement, he continued to work part-time at the clinic now operated by his former associate, Dr. Neil Hanni.

In addition to his veterinary practice, he held memberships in a variety of civic and fraternal organizations. He was a member of Churubusco United Methodist Church. He was also past master of Churubusco Masonic Lodge #515 F&AM, and was a member of Churubusco Order of the Eastern Star #136, Mizpah Shrine in Fort Wayne, Whitley County Shrine Club, and Scottish Rite, Valley of Fort Wayne. For several years he served on the executive board of the Humane Society of Whitley County and the Churubusco Chamber of Commerce, and was named Churubusco Chamber of Commerce "Citizen of the Year" in 1999. He was a member of the Churubusco Rotary. He enjoyed playing golf and riding his bike. He rode several years in the Hilly Hundred bicycle ride.

On March 14, 1992, he was married in Churubusco to Darlene (Polick). She survives. Other surviving relatives include two sons, Brian (Tracy) Welsh of Greenwood, and Ronald (Donna) Welsh of Mooresville, NC; three stepchildren, Cynthia (Tom) Ritter of Oregon, OH, Kenneth Polick of

Riverview, FL, and Roger (Wynelle) Ulrich of Vacaville, CA; a sister, Marie (Russ) Biolin of Zanesville, OH; his brother Robert Welsh of Mt. Pleasant, MI; seven grandchildren; Audree (Chad) Ousley, Diana Welsh, Megan Welsh, Matt Welsh, Morgan Welsh, Delaney Welsh and Greyson Welsh; eight stepgrandchildren; Christie Slaman, Brian Slaman, Elysia Ulrich, Zachary Ulrich, Allison Ulrich, Andrea Polick, Becca Polick and Ben Polick; also nieces Trudy Matz, Pam Derry, Deborah Welsh and Kellie Froelicher.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, George, on June 26, 2009.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday December 31, 2010, in the Churubusco United Methodist Church, 750 N. Main Street, with Pastor Corinne K. Boruff officiating.

The family will receive friends at the church from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday at the Churubusco United Methodist Church. Interment will be in the Riverview Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the Churubusco United Methodist Church or the Whitley County Humane Society.

The Sheets and Childs Funeral Home of Churubusco are entrusted with the services. You are invited to leave a condolence for the family and may do so by clicking on "condolences."



## Larry Donat

ROME CITY — Larry L. Donat, 67, of Rome City died Sunday, December 26, 2010, in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Donat was a lifetime area resident. He



**Mr. Donat**

was a partner in C.M. Donat & Sons Pepsi Cola Distributors in Rome City until 1991. He recently worked for Eshelman Excavating in Kendallville.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served in Vietnam. He was a member of American Legion Post 381, Rome City, and a charter member of the Moose Lodge in Kendallville. He served on the East Noble School Board from 1986 to 1990 and the Rome City Baseball Board for several years. He was a member of the Rome City United Methodist Church. He was also a member of the Rome City Chamber of Commerce, and was previously named Citizen of the Year.

Larry enjoyed hunting, fishing and car shows. He dearly loved his grandsons.

He was born October 30, 1943, in Kendallville to C.M. and Anna Gertrude (Thomas) Donat. On June 19, 1964, he married Sandra Schwab.

Surviving are his wife, Sandra Donat of Rome City; a daughter and son-in-law, Mindie and Mike Isaacs of Wolcottville; two sons and daughters-in-law, Trent and Leah Donat of St. Louis, Missouri, and Brent and Jennifer Donat of Kendall-

ville; five grandsons, Dillon Donat, Darren Donat, Britain Isaacs, Nolan Isaacs, and Colton Isaacs; and a sister, Doris Bailey of Muncie.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and four brothers, Edward Donat, C.M. Donat, Jr., Herbert Donat, and Richard Donat.

Funeral services will be Thursday, December 30, 2010, at 10 a.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, State Road 9 North, Wolcottville, with Rev. Dr. Dan Barker officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery, Rome City. Honor guard services will be provided by American Legion Post 381, VFW Post 2749, and active duty members of the U.S. Army.

Calling is Wednesday, December 29, 2010, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to American Legion Post 381, Rome City Fire Department, or to the donor's choice.

View a video tribute after Wednesday or send condolences to the family at [www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com).

## Mary Donaldson

ANGOLA — Mary S. Donaldson, 94, died Friday night, Dec. 24, 2010, at Lakeland Healthcare and Nursing Center in Angola.

She was born Nov. 15, 1916, in Clinton, Ill., to Charles S. and Effie Pearl (Campbell) Roberts.

She is survived by four sons, John of Oregon, Harold of California, Ron of Fort Myers, Fla., and Mario of Colorado; three daughters, Marian Waddams of Pompano Beach, Fla., Pearl Donaldson of Angola and Aurora Ward of

Indianapolis; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a brother, Lee Campbell Roberts.

A graveside service will be Friday at 2 p.m. at the Block Cemetery.

Memorials may be sent to Adventist World Aviation, P.O. Box 251, Berrien Springs, MI 49103-0251.

H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. To sign the guestbook go to: [www.hejohnsonfh.com](http://www.hejohnsonfh.com).

## Rosena McGuin

LIGONIER — Rosena Frances McGuin, 92, of Ligonier died of natural causes Tuesday, December 28, 2010, at 12:05 a.m. at The Maples at Waterford Crossing.



**Mrs. McGuin**

A lifetime area resident, she retired from Essex Wire after 35 years of service. She was an active member of the Eastern Star.

She was born October 26, 1918, in Waterloo to Joseph B. and Madglene (Blomeke) Miller.

She married William R. McGuin on June 2, 1965. He preceded her in death on April 4, 1978.

Surviving are three children: John Shoudel of Ligonier, Charlotte (Ralph) Boyd of Ligonier and Charles (Getta) Shoudel of Bonaire, Ga.; six grandchildren: Michelle, Wendy, Michella (Paul) Scarlett, Chuck Jr. (Jessica) Shoudel, Jason (Kristen) Shoudel and Amy; 18 great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren; and one sister: Zella Ann (Paul) Collins of Butler.

She was preceded in death by her parents; four sisters, Thelma, Martha, Isabell and Elvena; and one brother: Ambrose Miller.

Services will be Friday, December 31, 2010, at 10 a.m. at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, IN. Officiating will be Father Wilson Corzo. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

## Beverly Meseke

NEW HAVEN — Beverly D. Meseke, 77, of New Haven, died Tuesday, Dec. 28, 2010, at Kingston at Dupont in Fort Wayne.

She was born Jan. 3, 1933, in Flint, Mich., to Clarence and Gladys (Block) Fischer. She married the Rev. Gilbert Meseke on June 15, 1975, in Ann Arbor, Mich., and he survives in New Haven. Beverly was a homemaker and a member of Martini Lutheran Church in New Haven.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Steven and Sharon

Meseke of Mount Clemens, Mich., Scott and Betty Meseke of Centerville, Ohio, and Scott and Jill



**Mrs. Meseke**

Jedele of Grand Blanc, Mich.; four daughters and sons-in-law, Kimberly and Helio Mendes of Brazil, Karen and Randall Holdeman of Kettering, Ohio, Lori and the Rev. David Jung of Pinconning, Mich., and Michelle "Micki" and Gary Gross of Churubusco; two sisters, Clara Walker of Corunna, Mich., and Gladys Fahselt of Winterhaven, Fla.; 17 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Sally Stewart.

Services will be Friday at 10:30 a.m. at Martini Lutheran Church, 333 E. Moeller Road, New Haven, with the Rev. Matthew Kohl officiating. Burial will follow at 2 p.m. in Clear Lake Lutheran Cemetery in Fremont.

Visitation will be Thursday from 3-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett and also one hour prior to the service at the church.

Memorials are to Heartland Hospice or Alzheimer's Association.

To send a condolence or sign the online guestbook, visit [www.thomasfuneralhome.org](http://www.thomasfuneralhome.org).

Visitation will be Thursday, December 30, 2010, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

A rosary service will be held at 7:30 p.m. on December 30, 2010, at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions are to St. Michael's Catholic Church, 1098 County Road 39, Waterloo, IN 46793.

The Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.yeagerfuneralhome.com](http://www.yeagerfuneralhome.com)

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## **Denise M. Craig, 53**

Denise M. Craig, 53, a resident of rural Churubusco and wife of Gary E. Craig, went to be with her Lord and Savior on Wednesday, December 22, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. at Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home in Fort Wayne where she had been a patient for the past three months. She had been in declining health since March.



Mrs. Craig was born on April 12, 1957 in Wolf Lake, a daughter of Ross and Evelyn (Budd) Clouse. She was a lifelong resident of the Churubusco area, and graduated from Churubusco High School in 1975. On June 12, 1976 she was married in Merriam to Gary E. Craig, and had lived at her present home in Smith Township since 1984.

As a young woman she had been employed with Whitley County REMC, and had been a homemaker most of her adult life. She was deeply devoted to her family, and provided a warm and loving home atmosphere. She enjoyed cooking, crafts, and gardening. Most important to her was her relationship with the Lord, and she was a member of the Merriam Christian Chapel.

The surviving relatives include her husband Gary; four children; Amy (Joe) McLaughlin of Columbia City, Michelle (Matt) Whan of Fort Wayne, Deanna (David) Thompson of Columbia City, and Nathan Craig, her parents; Ross and Evelyn Clouse of Churubusco, her brother; Rev. Larry (Josefina) Clouse of Milford, New Hampshire, two sisters; Charlene (Mike) Zeigler and Earlene Klein, both of Churubusco, and her three precious grandchildren; Marisa McLaughlin, Alayna McLaughlin, and Kylee Whan.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, December 29, 2010, at the Merriam Christian Chapel with Pastor Terry L. Zolman, officiating.

Interment will be in the Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco was in charge of the arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be directed to Gideon's International or to the Merriam Christian Chapel Mission Fund.

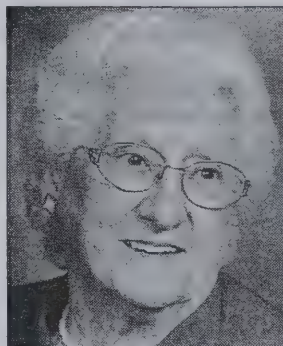
To leave an online condolence for the family in Mrs. Craig's memory, log on to [www.sheetsandchilds.net](http://www.sheetsandchilds.net).



## Virginia Owen, 93

Virginia Owen, 93, a resident of Albion and widow of Clarence Owen, passed away at 5:15 a.m. on Wednesday, December 22, 2010, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Owen was born on September 20, 1917 in Whitley County, a daughter of Frank and Clara (Gebert) Deutsch, and moved as a child with her parents to Collins. She attended the Collins Grade School, and graduated from Churubusco High School in 1935.



On July 6, 1940 she was married in South Milford to Clarence Owen, and lived all of her adult life in Noble County. She had previously worked at Blue Bell in Columbia City, and retired in 1980 from Dana Weatherhead Division in Columbia City after 30 years.

She was a member of the Green Center United Methodist Church, UAW Local 1404, and the Weatherhead Pioneer Club.

Mr. Owen preceded her in death on February 23, 1985.

The surviving relatives include a son Larry (Diane Betz) Owen of Bluffton; her daughter Luana Walker of Albion; a daughter-in-law Judith (Anderson) Owen of Albion; a sister Isabelle Maggart of Columbia City; her grandchildren David (Lisa Cordis Buchhop) Owen of Napoleon, Ohio, Dana Owen of Warsaw, Dawn (Michael) Carter of Stafford, Virg., Sarah Owen of Washington, DC, Julie (Duane) Modlin of Warsaw, North Carolina, and Mark (Rachel Murphy) Owen of Bluffton; two great-grandchildren Kate and Luke Carter of Stafford, Virg; and three step-great-grandchildren Jena (Wade) Campbell of Port Aransas, Tx., and Chris and Sarah Buchhop of Napoleon, Ohio.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a son Charles Owen; a stillborn daughter; a son-in-law Riley Walker; four brothers Llovd Deutsch, Gerald Deutsch, Virgil Deutsch, and Clifford Deutsch; and three sisters Mabel Henderson, Crystal Shively, and Katherine Nace.

Funeral services were held on Monday, December 27, 2010, at the Green Center United Methodist Church, with Pastor Nancy Fergusson, officiating.

Interment was in the Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

The family requests that memorials be directed to Green Center United Methodist Church.

To leave an online condolence for the family in Mrs. Owen's memory, log on to [www.sheetsandchilds.net](http://www.sheetsandchilds.net)

## Helen L. Fritz, 91

Helen L. (Blackman) Fritz, 91, of Kendallville, died on, Sunday, December 26, 2010 at 11:30 p.m. at the Kendallville Manor Nursing Home.

Helen was born on February 26, 1919 in Topeka, Indiana to the late Howard and Arlene (Wooster) Parks, she was the 2nd of 9 children.

She was a graduate of the Avilla High School, graduating in 1937 as class Valedictorian. She then went on to attend the Ball State Teachers College where she received her Registered Nurse Certification.

On July 27, 1941 she married Howard Lee Blackman, he was killed in action during World War II on August 6, 1945. She later married Edward T. Fritz on November 6, 1948 and he died on June 15, 1979.

While working as a Registered Nurse she worked as a Hospital Nurse, Private Practice Nurse, Public Health Nurse, School Nurse, and a Nursing Home Nurse.

She was a life member of the Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla, where she was very active with the WSCS/United Methodist Women. She was also very active in community service working with the American Red Cross, member of the PTA and was the Past Secre-

tary of the McCray Hospital Board.

Besides being dedicated to her family, working as a nurse and community service she loved sewing and writing and fishing.

She is survived by three sons and daughters-in-law; Douglas (Kathleen) Blackman, of Middleton, ID. David (Carol) Blackman of Kendallville and Daniel (Jennifer) Fritz of Avilla, a daughter and son-in-law; Kay (Ted) Killian of Medford, OR, 13 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren; a brother; Forrest Parks of Avilla, and two sisters; Jeanette Henney of Woodburn and Ellen Holliman of Avilla.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husbands, four brothers; Gerald Parks, Clifford Parks, Donald Parks and youngest sibling; Richard Parks, a sister; Ruth Carol Parks.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, December 30th, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at the Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla. The Rev. Dr. Leonard King will officiate the service.

Burial will follow at the Lakeview Cemetery in Kendallville.

Visitation will be on Wednesday, December 29th, 2010 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Brazzell Funeral Homes, Avilla Chapel. Additional calling will be held 30 minutes prior to the funeral at the church.

Preferred memorials in memory of Helen may be directed to Calvary United Methodist Church Or American Red Cross.

To sign the online guest register book, visit [www.brazzellfuneralhome.com](http://www.brazzellfuneralhome.com)

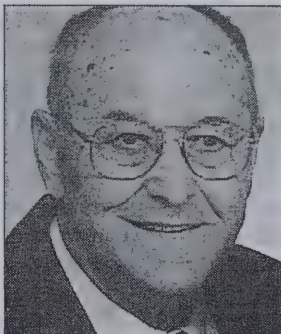
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## Franklin Geiger, 96

Franklin Geiger, 96, a lifelong farmer in Green Township in Noble County, passed away at 2:32 a. m. on Wednesday, December 22, 2010 following a brief illness.



Mr. Geiger was born on March 2, 1914 in Noble County, a son of Herschel and Leona (Eberly) Geiger. He and his wife Lenora Ellen (Fulk) Geiger would have been married 70 years on February 27, 2011. In addition to being engaged in farming, he was also a co-owner of the former Geiger Equipment, Inc. in Churubusco for many years.

As a child he joined the Sugar Grove Church of God, north of Churubusco, and was an active member until his death.

The surviving relatives include his wife Lenora Ellen; two daughters Joan (Hanson) Young and Janice (Robert) Parquet; a son John F. (Janis) Geiger; eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by four brothers Earl Geiger, Everett Geiger, H. William Geiger, and Thomas Geiger, and by infant twin brothers.

Funeral services were held Friday, December 24, 2010, at the Sugar Grove Church of God, with Pastor Timothy Grable, officiating.

Interment was in the family plot at Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you give a gift to a friend or family in need during this Christmas season.

To leave an online condolence for the family in Mr. Geiger's memory, log on to [www.sheetsandchilds.net](http://www.sheetsandchilds.net)



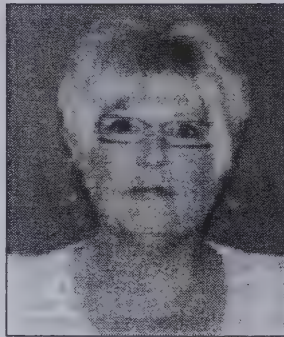
## **Verdonna Sindy James, 56**

INDIAN MOUND, TN -- Verdonna Sindy (Van Houten) James, 56, of Indian Mound, Tennessee, died Friday, December 17, 2010, at Gateway Medical Center.

She was born in Noble County on August 17, 1954, the daughter of Arvin Van Houten and Joyce Ginther Van Houten. She graduated from Central Noble High School in 1972.

She was a member of Oakwood Freewill Baptist Church where she taught the adult Sunday school class. Sindy finished her course, won the race and kept her faith.

She is survived by her husband, Lee James of Indian Mound; two sons,



Tim (April) James and Todd (Jennifer) James; one brother, Tom Van Houten; three sisters, Rose Ann (James) Browning, Ruth (Sam) Buckles, and Sue (Dennis) Sorgenfrei; five grandchildren, Owen, Ethan, Corbin, Mason and Landon.

The funeral was Monday,

December 20, 2010, at Oakwood Freewill Baptist Church with Rev. Dwayne James officiating. Family and friends served as pallbearers.

Burial was in Kentucky Veterans Cemetery-West.

Arrangements entrusted to Neal-Tarpley-Parchman Funeral Home, 1510 Madison Street, Clarksville, TN. 37040 (931) 645-6488.

In lieu of flowers memorials can be made to Oakwood Freewill Baptist Church 2551 Church Lane, Woodlawn, TN 37191

Online condolences can be made at [www.neal-tarpley.com](http://www.neal-tarpley.com).

## **Rhoda Lee Hostetler, 91**

Rhoda Lee Hostetler, 91, passed away Tuesday, December 22, 2010, at the North Ridge Village Nursing Center in Albion where she had resided since April.

Rhoda Lee was born on December 27, 1918, in Peru, Indiana to Louis D. and Dessa I. (Nicodemus) Herlem.

She was a lifetime resident of Miami County and was a homemaker. She enjoyed volunteer work in her church, the Miami County Historical Society and other community organizations. She played the organ and for many years played at Miller's Nursing Home in Peru twice a week. She was a seventy year member of Parkview United Methodist Church in Peru and at the time of her death, was a member of Sparta United Church of Christ, Kimmell.

Rhoda Lee was married to Don E. Hostetler in Peru on August 17, 1941 and he preceded her in death on March 26, 1995.

She was also preceded in death by two sisters: Geraldine (Wayne) Hostetler and Rosemary (Perry) Kaufman and two brothers: John L. Herlem and Richard D. Herlem. Surviving are her son David L. Hostetler and his wife Curryanne of Albion; two granddaughters Tabitha A. (Ben) Jecmen of Phoenix, Arizona and Rachel L. (Patrick) O'Leary of Chicago, Illinois.

Funeral services were at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W Main St, Peru, Indiana on Tuesday, December 28, 2010. The Rev. Curryanne Hostetler, daughter-in-law of Rhoda Lee, and Rev. J. Robert Clark officiated. Burial was in the Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru, Indiana.

Memorials may be made to Sparta United Church of Christ, 2584 N US 33, Kimmell, Indiana 46760-9623.

Online condolences may be made at [www.eddyfuneral-homes.com](http://www.eddyfuneral-homes.com).

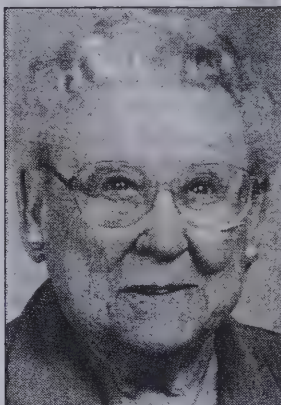


## **Dorothy May Rauh, 100**

Dorothy May Rauh, age 100, of Kendallville, died on Saturday, December 25, 2010 at Lutheran Life Villages in Kendallville.

Mrs. Rauh was born in Bronson, Michigan, Branch County, on June 23, 1910 to the late Chauncy David and Edna Helen (Camp) Shultz.

She married Forrest Earl Rauh on June 9, 1937 at St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville. Mr. Rauh preceded her death November 24, 1964.



Dorothy was a nurses' aid for 17 years and employed with McCray Hospital and the Lutheran Home in Kendallville.

She was an active member of the Zion Lutheran Church, West Fairfield, near Corunna for more than 70 years. She was a member of the ladies' aid, Lutheran Women's Missionary League.

Even before she retired in 1975, Dorothy began volunteering and was named the Noble County senior Volunteer of the Year in 1997.

She would transport people to run errands, to go shopping, get to doctors' appointments and she cared for the elderly in their homes.

She volunteered many hours with various projects in the county. At Shepherd of the Hill nursing home, Dorothy worked in the gift shop, helped with visitation and assisted with activities. She also was involved in a cancer quilt project with middle school students making a quilt for a child at the Camp Whacha-Wanna-Do.

Dorothy was on the resident advisory board at the Lamp-lighter where she resided for several years.

She served on the board of directors of the Noble County Council on Aging for more than 15 years.

She also worked in the past, at the Kendallville Nutrition Site since its origin.

Dorothy was past member of the Wayne Township Extension Homemakers Club and she enjoyed sewing and crocheting hand-making many walker bags, cancer turbans, Crisis Bears for children, and lap robes for people who needed them. Much of her life was dedicated to helping others.

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Survivors include, daughter and son-in-law, Judith and Montel Lepper of LaOtto, four grandchildren and their spouses; Tina and Curtis Hapner of Waterloo, Dawn and Gary Reichhart of Avilla, Terri Lepper of Avilla and Joseph and Robin Lepper of LaOtto, six great-grandchildren; Tia and Jenna Hapner, Roger and Mary Reichhart, and Courtney and William Lepper, sister; Vivian Cain of Kendallville, brother-in-law, Henry Marqueling of Fort Wayne.

She was also preceded in death by nine siblings; Clara Briggs, Cleson Shultz, Thelma Bachelor, Florence Kline, Talitha Shultz, Wandella Shultz, Louise Stubig, Lewis Shultz, and Phyllis Marqueling.

Funeral services were Wednesday, December 29, 2010 at Zion Lutheran Church, near Corunna.

Officiating the funeral service was Rev. Al Wingfield.

Burial was at Zion Lutheran Cemetery.

Preferred memorials may be made to Zion Lutheran Church or to Lutheran Life Villages, Kendallville Auxiliary.

Send a condolence to the family at [www.hitefuneral-home.com](http://www.hitefuneral-home.com).

## Fay Brown

**LIGONIER** — Fay E. Brown, also known as "George Duncan," 77, of Big Lake of rural Noble County died Tuesday, December 28, 2010, at Parkview Whitley Hospital of Columbia City. He passed away following a brief illness.



**Mr. Brown**

He was born April 16, 1933, in Whitley County to Donald E. and Lavonne (Conrad) Brown.

He married Marcella Hunt on October 1, 1960, and together they recently celebrated 50 years of marriage.

A lifetime area resident, Mr. Brown was a "jack of all trades and master of few." He had worked as a sheep shearer since the age of 8 years old, eventually becoming the Indiana State Sheep Shearing Champion in 1963. Over the years he had also worked as a truck driver, a butcher, a painter, and along with his wife, had owned and operated Brown's Variety Storage at Big Lake since 1991.

Mr. Brown graduated from Churubusco High School and was a member of Ligonier United Methodist Church. He had a special passion for the mission field and had served all across the United States, as well as serving in Jamaica and Africa.

Surviving are his wife, Marcella Brown of Big Lake; eight children: Brenda (Dan) Becker of Goshen, Paula (John McNeal) Conrad of Wolcottville, Mark (Chris)

Brown of Albion, Terrie (Sherman) Robinson of Fremont; Penny Dhonau of Ligonier, Elaine Nichols of Shipshewana; Rebecca (Mitch) Flannery of Olympia, KY and Shelia (Mike) Hoppus of 1991 Columbia City; 20 Grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren; one brother: Dean (Sharon) Brown of Pheonix, AZ; and one sister: Sharon Lee Notestine of Atlanta, GA.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one grandson: Wesley Steven Brown in 2007.

Services will be Saturday, January 1, 2011, at 10:30 a.m. in Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier. Officiating will be Pastor Byron Kaiser and celebrant Larry Baker. Burial will be in Merriam Christian Chapel Cemetery, Albion.

Visitation will be Friday, December 31, 2010, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Yeager Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions are to the Ligonier United

Methodist Church Youth Mission Fund, 466 Townline Road; Ligonier, IN 46767.

The Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.yeagerfuneralhome.com](http://www.yeagerfuneralhome.com)

## Leannah Pratt

**KENDALLVILLE** — Leannah E. Pratt, 88, of Kendallville died Wednesday, December 29, 2010, at 9:59 a.m. in Kendallville Manor HealthCare Center.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 South State Street, Kendallville.

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### **Elizabeth Foster**

ANGOLA — As sure as the sun will set, so did it set with Elizabeth Cathleen Ewing Foster. She has forever joined hands with her loving husband Roy Foster.



**Mrs. Foster**

Elizabeth Cathleen Foster, age 85 of Angola, Indiana, passed away Tuesday evening, at the Northern Lakes Nursing Center.

She was born February 22, 1925, in Hico, West Virginia, to George and Runa (Sevy) Ewing.

She married Roy Lee Foster on July 3, 1948, and their marriage was blessed with five children, and he preceded her in death on April 18, 1986.

She was a homemaker, a graduate of Nuttall High School, class of 1943, Lookout, West Virginia, and a former member of Assembly Of God, Angola, Indiana.

Her hobbies included her family, baking and cooking, and her favorite was baking light rolls. She enjoyed taking care of her grandchildren when they were young.

Surviving are two daughters, Mary Alice & Chuck Hall, Pleasant Lake, IN and Dola Marie & Rick Gleeson, Coldwater, MI; three sons: Richard Lee Foster, Coldwater, MI, Glen Edward & Linda Foster, Fremont, IN and David, Eugene & Vicki Foster, Fremont, IN; 12 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren;

one brother: Glen Ewing, Edmond, West Virginia; one sister-in-law: Madge Gadd Foster, Fremont, IN; many nieces and nephews; and a special long-time friend: Jean Ormiston, Angola, IN.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, two sisters: Garnet Ewing McVey Cavendish and Marjorie Ewing Kincaid, and one brother: George Quintin Ewing.

Visitation will be from 12 (noon) until 2 p.m. Saturday, January 1, 2011, at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, IN.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, January 1, 2011, at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, IN. Officiating will be the Rev. Wayne Berkesch. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont, IN, at a later date.

Memorials are to Cameron Hospice or Northern Lakes Nursing Center/Activities Department.

Condolences may be sent online to [www.beamsfuneralhome.com](http://www.beamsfuneralhome.com)

Arrangements are by Beams Funeral Home of Fremont, IN.

### **Steven Bair**

KENDALLVILLE — Steven Arthur Bair, 62, of rural Kendallville, died at 4:20 a.m. Tuesday, December 28, 2010 after a courageous battle with cancer at his residence north of Kendallville.

Steve was born on May 5, 1948 in Kendallville to the late Willis Arthur and Marcelle Julia (Gehring) Bair.

He was a lifetime area resident and during the Vietnam War he proudly served his country in the U.S. Army as a Spec 5.

He was an avid hunter, fisherman, and Chicago Bears Fan.

On March 19, 1983 he married Dawn (Noble) Bair, she survives in Kendallville.

He had previously been employed in manufacturing as as Quality Inspector at Budd Corporation, Lisle Corporation. Flint and Walling in Kendallville was the last place he was employed.

He is survived by his Ex Wife and Caregiver Dawn, 2 sisters and brothers-in-law; Marsha and Denzil Gose of Grand Junction CO and Monica Sue Talbott of Kendallville; and 1 Brother, Kenton Bair of Kendallville.

Also surviving are Mother and Father-in-Law Polly and Jake Riddle of Avilla; Father-in-law Russell Campbell of Garrett; and 2 Brothers-in-law Curtis Campbell of Avilla and Russell Duane Campbell of Virginia.

Per Steve's request there will be no visitation or funeral service, cremation will take place.

Memorials may be directed to his Caregiver Dawn for final expenses. Memorial donations may be sent to the funeral home in care of Dawn Bair.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Brazzell Funeral Homes and Cremation Service, Avilla Chapel.

To view the obituary online or to sign the online guest register book, go to [www.brazzellfuneralhome.com](http://www.brazzellfuneralhome.com).



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### Carolyn Woronuik

BUTLER — Carolyn M. Woronuik, 62, of Butler died Tuesday, Dec. 28, 2010, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Woronuik retired from Cooper Standard in Auburn after 30 years of service.

She was a member of the Butler Eagles Ladies Auxiliary. She loved gardening and working with flowers, and was also an avid animal lover.

She was born Dec. 3, 1948, in Angola. She married Daniel L. Woronuik on Sept. 15, 2002, in Gatlinburg, Tenn. He survives in Butler.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Stephanie K. (Jackson) and Donnie Dressel of Hometown; a stepson, Randy Woronuik of Clyde, Alberta, Canada; mother and stepfather, Eloise (Beard) and Keith Platter of Hamilton; two granddaughters, Cecily Dressel and Zoey Dressel, both of Hometown; five brothers and sisters-in-law, David and Jackie Richardson of Hamilton, Michael and Wendy Richardson of Hamilton, Keith and Roxanne Platter of Garrett, Kevin Platter of Auburn, and Kent Platter of Hamilton; an aunt, Barbara Ridgeway of Auburn; and several nieces and nephews.



**Mrs.  
Woronuik**

### Jay Maugherman Jr.

EDON, Ohio — Jay Maugherman Jr., 83, of rural Edon, died late Monday, December 27, 2010 in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

He was born January 22, 1927 near Angola, Indiana to Jay Sr. and Dorothy (Eckert) Maugherman, and was a 1945 graduate of Metz High School. He had served with the U.S. Army in the Korean War.

Over the years having resided in Angola, Edon and Montpelier, he had been employed in the engineering department of Mohawk Tools, Inc. of Montpelier for 15 years, and then for over 20 years was the owner-operator along with his family of Maugherman's Hardware Store in Montpelier retiring in 1991. A former member of Columbia Church of Christ, he presently was affiliated with Metz Christian Church. Also he formerly was a member of the Montpelier I.O.O.F. and Montpelier Moose Lodges.

On January 22, 1950 he was married to Mabel (Cogswell), they divorced, and she died on December 29, 2000.

Surviving are one son, Larry (Denise) Maugherman, Edon, Ohio; one daughter, Shelley Keible, West Unity, Ohio; six grandchildren, Tyler (Octavia) Maugherman, Ashley and Erik Maugherman, Nichelle (Tom) Mohre-Cassidy, Nilah and Nilesa Mohre. Three great-grandchildren, Bradon Gruetna, Camron and JayLynn Maugherman. One sister, Gladys Carpenter of Beebe, Arkansas.

Visitation for Jay Maugherman will be Sunday, January 2, 2011, from 2-8 p.m. in Wilson-Geesey Funeral Home, Montpelier, where services will be held Monday at 10:30 a.m. with Pastor Michael Hesterman officiating. Burial will follow in the South Scott Cemetery, near Metz, Indiana. Preferred memorials are to Dream Haven Assisted Living or Metz Christian Church.

She is preceded in death by her father, Jack Eugene Richardson; a sister, Michele Meeks; maternal grandparents, Viola Jennings and Harold Beard; and paternal grandparents, Jack and Bessie Richardson.

Services will be 11 a.m. Monday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Jeff Alexander officiating. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit [www.fellerandclark.com](http://www.fellerandclark.com).

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**Deborah Peck**

KENDALLVILLE — Deborah Jane Clark (Peck), a resident of Kendallville, IN for the past 16 years and formerly of Appalachia, Va., was born in Pennington Gap, Va., on Thursday, July 19, 1956, and passed away on Tuesday, December 28, 2010, at her home at the age of 54 years.



**Ms. Peck**

Deborah had worked in sales and was of the Christian faith. She was preceded in death by her parents, Curtis and Reva Bledsoe.

Surviving are one son, Greg Gibson of Appalachia, Va., two daughters, Laura Belcher of Appalachia, Va., and Melissa Clark of Big Stone Gap, Va., and fiance Ronald Witham; a special daughter-in-law, Emily Gibson, a special son-in-law, Allen Belcher, two brothers, David and (Donna) Bledsoe of Duffield, Va. and Mark and (Teldia) Bledsoe of Stickleyville, Va.; three sisters, Karen Bledsoe of Danville, IN., Brenda and (Keith) Fletcher of Tennessee and Jenny and (Keith) Crusenberry of Sheridan, IN. Also four grandchildren, Sarah Collier, Caitlyn Gibson, Madison Gibson and Brylan Gibson and a host of nieces and nephews. Also special friend Deane Witham.

The family welcomes friends from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Thursday, December 30, 2010, at the Province Funeral Home Sanctuary in Pennington Gap, Va.

Funeral services will be conducted at 7:00 p.m. Thursday in the Funeral Home Chapel.

The family will meet 12 noon Friday, December 31, 2010, at Robbins Cemetery in Pattonsville, Va., for burial services. Pallbearers will be family and friends.

Condolences may be sent to the family via e-mail at [provincefuneral-home@earthlink.net](mailto:provincefuneral-home@earthlink.net). Province Funeral Home of 42098 East Morgan Ave., Pennington Gap, Va., is in charge of arrangements.

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**LeAnnah Pratt**

KENDALLVILLE —

LeAnnah E. Pratt, 88, of Kendallville died Wednesday, December 29, 2010, at 9:59 a.m. in Kendallville Manor HealthCare Center.



**Mrs. Pratt**

She graduated from South Side High School in Fort Wayne in 1942. She retired from the Dietary Department at McCray Memorial Hospital in Kendallville in 1981.

She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Kendallville; Calvin Circle; Noble #122 OES; Second Time Around Euchre Club; Lamplighter Resident Council; and Senior Citizens Bingo and Dinners. She was a pioneer of angioplasty, being the first woman to receive this procedure.

LeAnnah was born November 14, 1922, in Fort Wayne to Karl F. & Naomi (Bridgewaters) Tassler. She married LeRoy C. Pratt on February 13, 1943, in San Diego, CA. He preceded her in death March 2, 1993.

Surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law, LeRoy C. "Chuck" Pratt, Jr. of Columbia City; Rick D. & Kyle Pratt of Kendallville; John A. & Debby Pratt of Orland; and Karl F. & Cheryl Pratt of New Richland, MN; three grandchildren, Greg & Kathy Pratt, Josh Pratt, Shannon Pratt; two great-grandchildren, Connor Alan Pratt and Trinity Grace Marie Pratt, and a great grandson, Austin Gregory Pratt, whose birth is anticipated soon.

**Nysa Sidor**

GOSHEN — Nysa Anne Faith Sidor, a two day old infant, died Thursday, Dec. 30, 2010 at Goshen General Hospital.

Visitation will be held at 10 a.m. on Jan. 3, 2011 at the Prarieview Missionary Church in Goshen. Burial will be in Goshen's Violet Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be given to the Miller-Stewart funeral home to assist the family with expenses.

**Norman Mattocks**

MIDDLEBURY —

Norman R. Mattocks, 75, of Middlebury died Saturday, Dec. 18, 2010, in Goshen.

A memorial service was held Monday in Middlebury

at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home with Sister Nora Frost and Pastor Jane Miller officiating. Burial will be at Riverside Cemetery in Defiance, Ohio.

Memorials may be directed to Middlebury Food Pantry.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; two sisters, Levina Miller & Leah Flowers; four brothers, Carlie Trassler, Leslie Trassler, Leonard Trassler, Levi Trassler; and a daughter-in-law, Donna Pratt.

Funeral services will be Monday, January 3, 2011, at 10:30 a.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville with Rev. Stan Wilson of the First Presbyterian Church officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling is Sunday, January 2, 2011, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home with an Eastern Star Service to be held at 7 p.m.

Preferred memorials are to the First Presbyterian Church or the Noble County Cancer Society.

View a video tribute after Sunday or send condolences to the family at [www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com).



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## Russell Rugg

ALBION — Russell L. Rugg, age 60, of Silver Lake south of Albion died on Wednesday, December 29, 2010 at his home.

Mr. Rugg was born in Fayette County, Pennsylvania on August 16, 1950 to Glen Joesph and Daisy Mae (Shroyer) Rugg. His mother survives in Kendallville.

He graduated from Fort Wayne North Side High School in 1969.

Mr. Rugg then went on to honorably serve his country in the United States Army During the Vietnam War. During his service he earned the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, two Expert Rifle Medals, two Oversea Service Medals, Combat Infantryman Badge and an Air Medal.

He married Charlene E. Davis on July 8, 1978 in Angola at West Otter Lake. She survives in Albion.

Mr. Rugg worked for Robert Sheets Plumbing and Heating in Fort Wayne for 35 years until 2010.

He was a member of the Kendallville VFW # 2749 and the Rome City American Legion Post 381. During his free time he liked to ice fish, deer hunt and he enjoyed gardening. He also loved to spend time with his family and friends.



**Mr. Rugg**

Survivors include: his wife, Charlene E. Rugg of Albion; his mother, Daisy Mae Rugg of Kendallville; one son, Russell Blake Rugg of Fort Wayne; one daughter, Tammy Wenhart and her fiance Don Flaugh of Columbia City; two sisters; Freda and Terry Davis of Big Turkey Lake and Ruth Holland of Kendallville; one brother, Bill and Carla Rugg of Birmingham, Alabama; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; twenty nieces and nephews; one sister-in-law; Sherry Sowards of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his father, Glen Joseph Rugg; two brothers, Melvin E. Rugg and Joseph G. Rugg; two grandchildren, one brother-in-law; Douglas Holland.

Visitation will be Monday, January 3, 2011 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Monday, January 3, 2011 at 12:00 Noon at Hite Funeral Home. Officiating the funeral service will be Pastor Percy Young. Burial will be at Lakeview Cemetery in Kendallville. Military graveside services will be provided by Kendallville VFW Post 2749 and Rome City American Legion Post 381 Honor Guards.

Preferred memorials may be directed to the Rugg Family.

Send a condolence to the family by Monday, January 3, 2011 at [www.hitefuneralhome.com](http://www.hitefuneralhome.com).

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Arrangements are entrusted to Hite Funeral Home, 403 South Main Street, Kendallville, Indiana 46755.

## Jessie 'Sally' Short

AUBURN — Jessie Mae "Sally"

Short, 96, of Auburn, died Thursday December 30, 2010 at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.



**Mrs. Short**

She was born September 13, 1914 in Garrett, the daughter of the late Roy A. and Maggie M. McKinley. She had worked at Cooper Tire and also at the Garrett Clinic. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Auburn, Women of the Moose, Entre Nous Literacy Club and Psi Iota Sorority.

She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Sally A. and Robert Harper of Auburn; sons and daughters-in-law, Ned C. and Judy Short of Huntington and Mack D. and Sharon Short of Auburn; a sister, Martha Custer of Garrett; grandchildren, Kelly Brandenburg, Tracey Fuller, Lisa Sparkman, Holly Harper, Debra Selig, Brenda Blessing, McKinley Short, Simon Short and Ron Burkhart; 11 great grandchildren and 12 great great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband Ben H. Short, 4 sisters and 2 brothers.

Funeral service 11 a.m. Monday with visitation one hour prior at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services 502 N. Main Street Auburn, Rev Dale Williams officiating. Visitation also Sunday 1-5 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial in Roselawn Cemetery.

Memorials to Moose Charities or Garrett High School Alumni Scholarship Fund.

To sign the online guest book or leave a condolence, visit [www.pinnington-mccomb.com](http://www.pinnington-mccomb.com).



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**Every effort was made for accuracy.  
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